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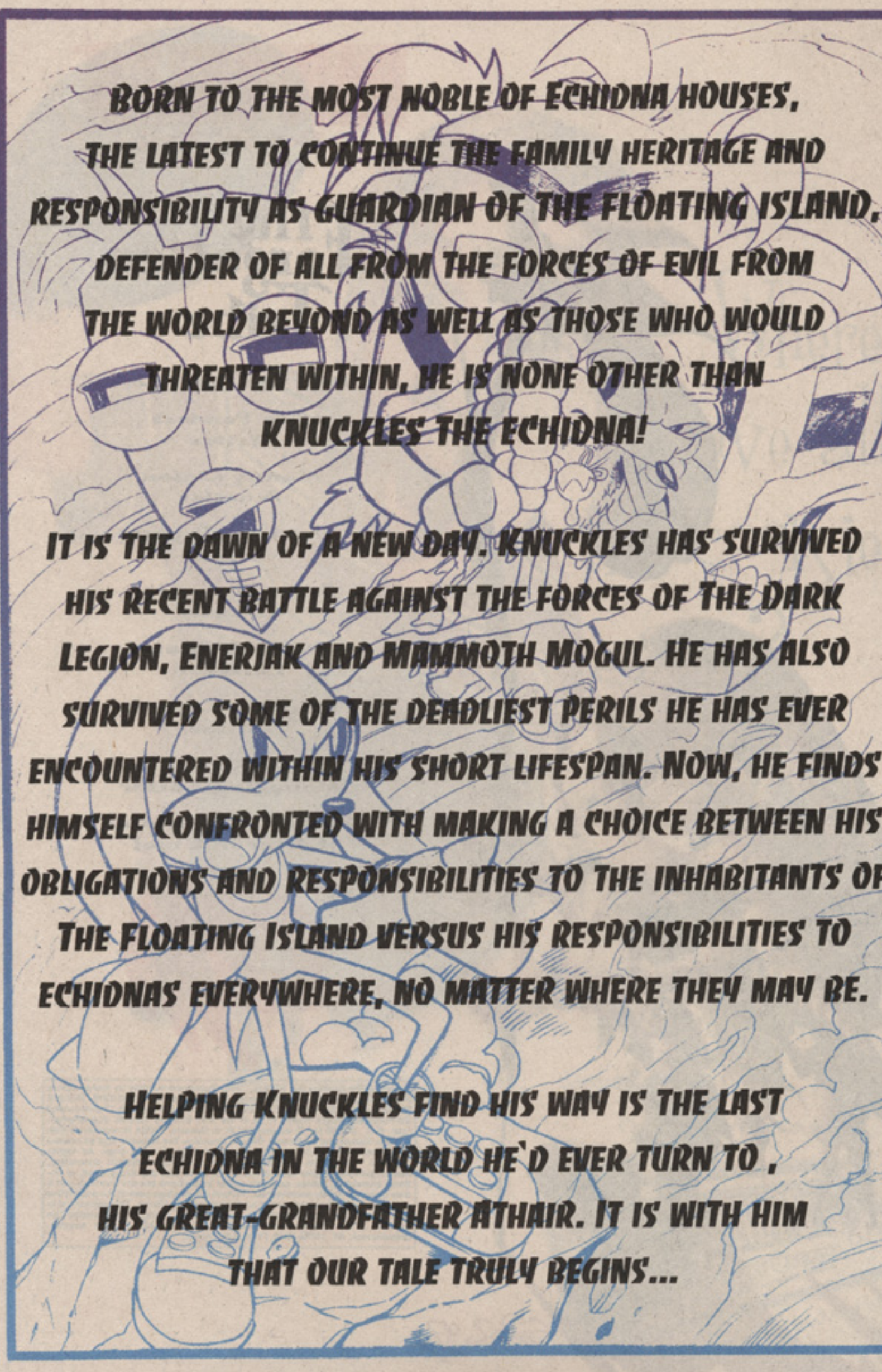
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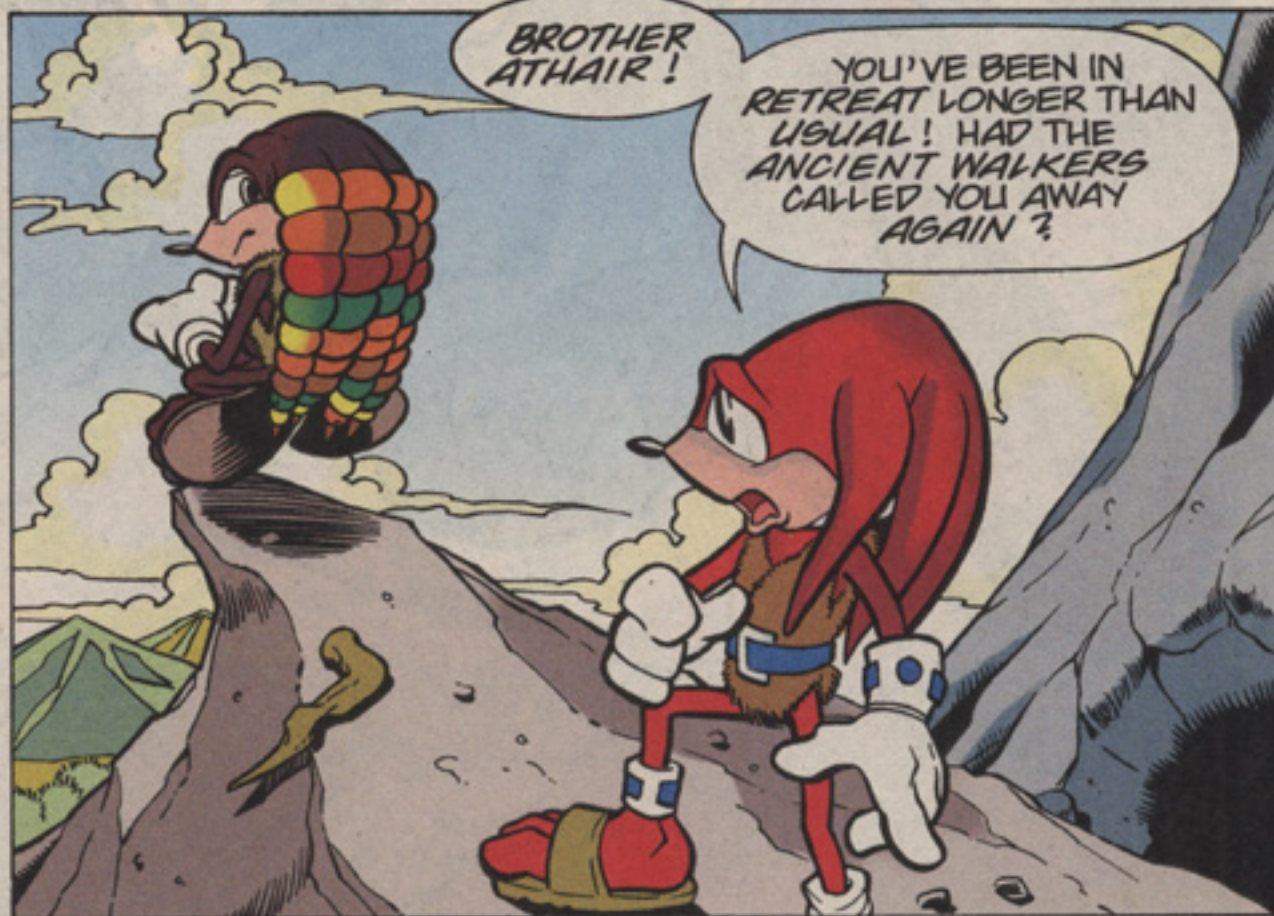
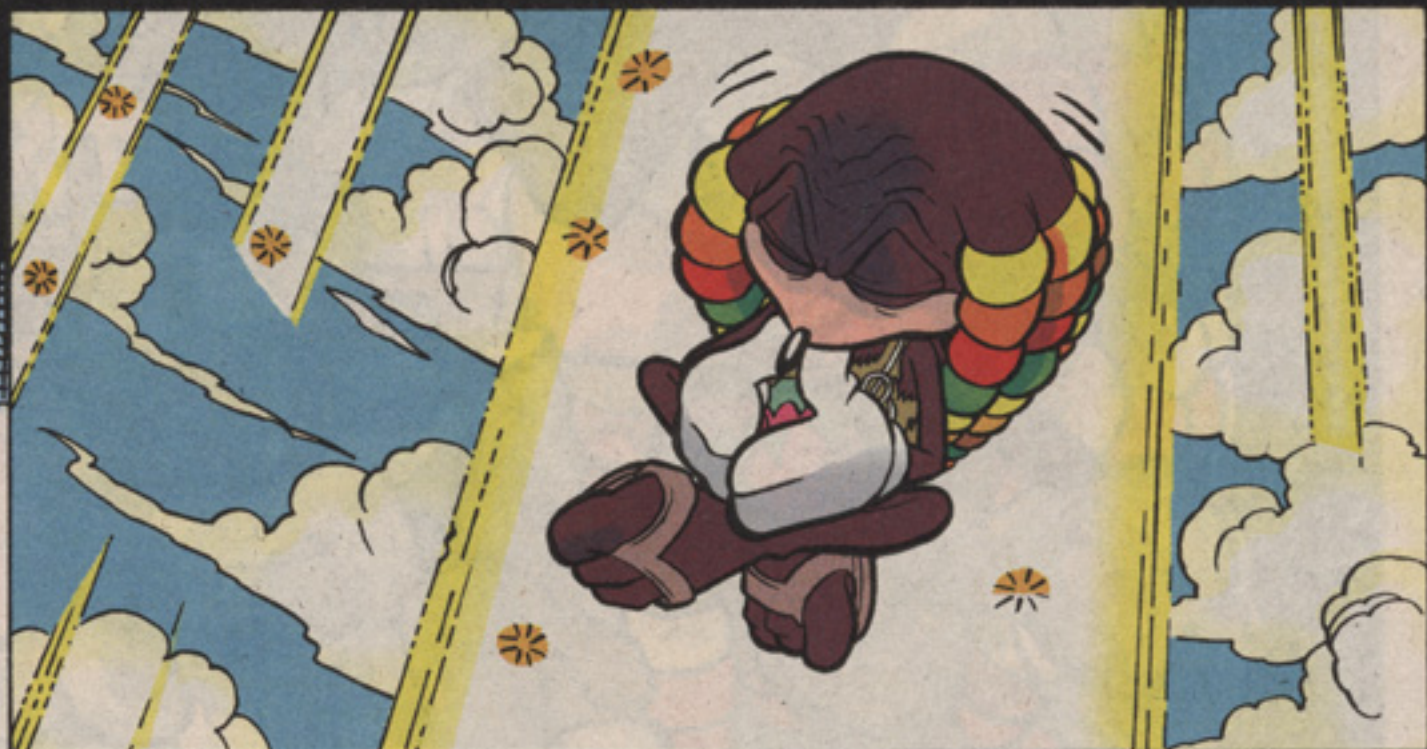


**BORN TO THE MOST NOBLE OF ECHIDNA HOUSES,
THE LATEST TO CONTINUE THE FAMILY HERITAGE AND
RESPONSIBILITY AS GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND,
DEFENDER OF ALL FROM THE FORCES OF EVIL FROM
THE WORLD BEYOND AS WELL AS THOSE WHO WOULD
THREATEN WITHIN, HE IS NONE OTHER THAN
KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!**

**IT IS THE DAWN OF A NEW DAY. KNUCKLES HAS SURVIVED
HIS RECENT BATTLE AGAINST THE FORCES OF THE DARK
LEGION, ENERJAK AND MAMMOTH MOGUL. HE HAS ALSO
SURVIVED SOME OF THE DEADLIEST PERILS HE HAS EVER
ENCOUNTERED WITHIN HIS SHORT LIFESPAN. NOW, HE FINDS
HIMSELF CONFRONTED WITH MAKING A CHOICE BETWEEN HIS
OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE INHABITANTS OF
THE FLOATING ISLAND VERSUS HIS RESPONSIBILITIES TO
ECHIDNAS EVERYWHERE, NO MATTER WHERE THEY MAY BE.**

**HELPING KNUCKLES FIND HIS WAY IS THE LAST
ECHIDNA IN THE WORLD HE'D EVER TURN TO ,
HIS GREAT-GRANDFATHER ATHAIR. IT IS WITH HIM
THAT OUR TALE TRULY BEGINS...**

*'Yea, though he be his brother's keeper,
there will come a time
when the heralds beckon,
raising the guardian to a higher plane,
and another shall lead them to journey's end...
Tome of Prophecies*



**BROTHER
ATHAIR!**

**YOU'VE BEEN IN
RETREAT LONGER THAN
USUAL! HAD THE
ANCIENT WALKERS
CALLED YOU AWAY
AGAIN?**

I WAS IN DEEP
CONTEMPLATION CONCERNING
RECENT EVENTS I HAD TO PLAY
A PART IN--AND HOW THAT IS
NOTHING COMPARED TO WHAT
WILL HAPPEN SOON*.

* SEE KNUCKLES #9,
AND SONIC #56--JFG.

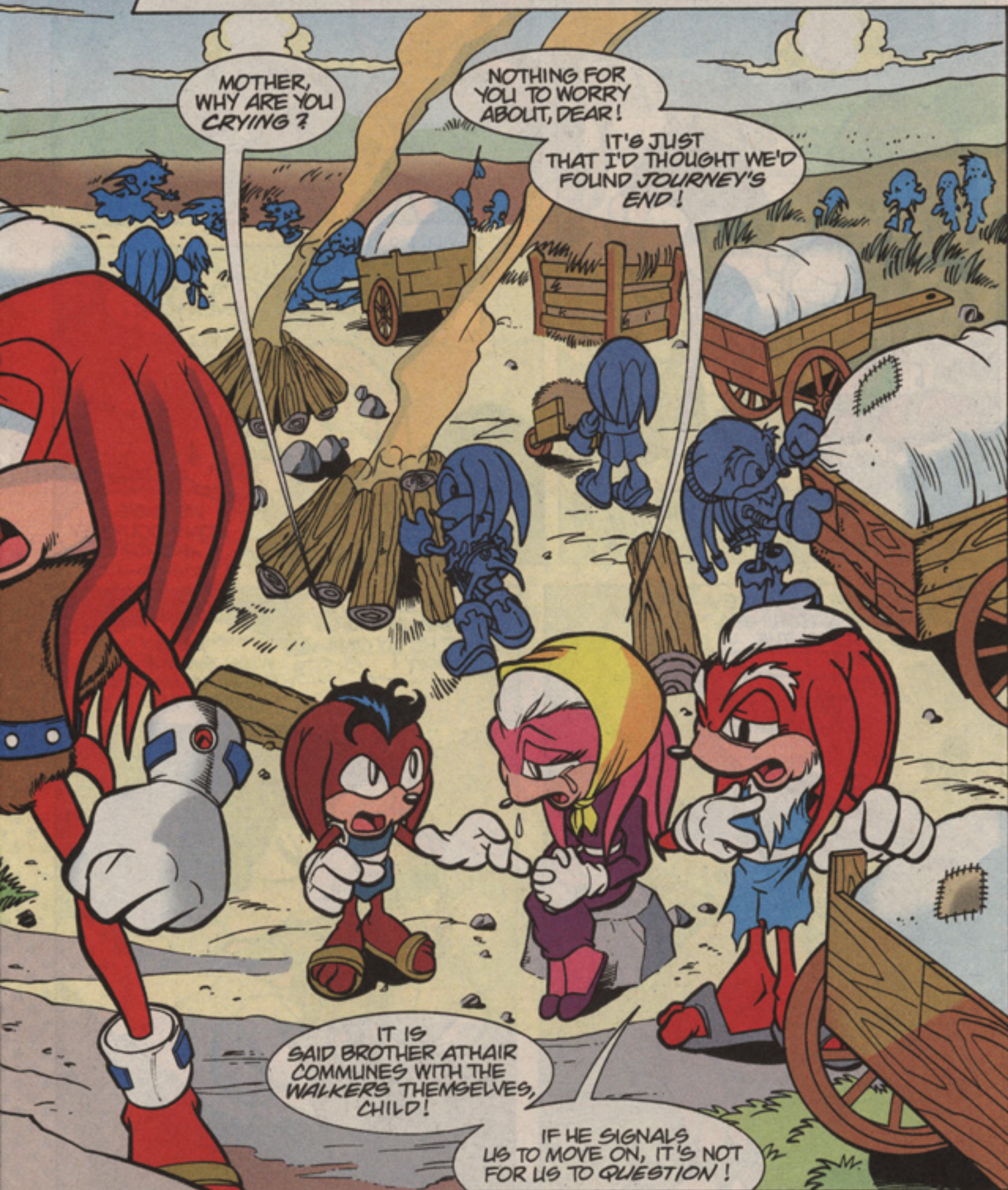
IT WILL NOT BE
LONG BEFORE THE DAY OF
FURY IS WITH US!

WE HAD BEST HAVE
THE TRIBE PACK UP
AND MOVE ON!

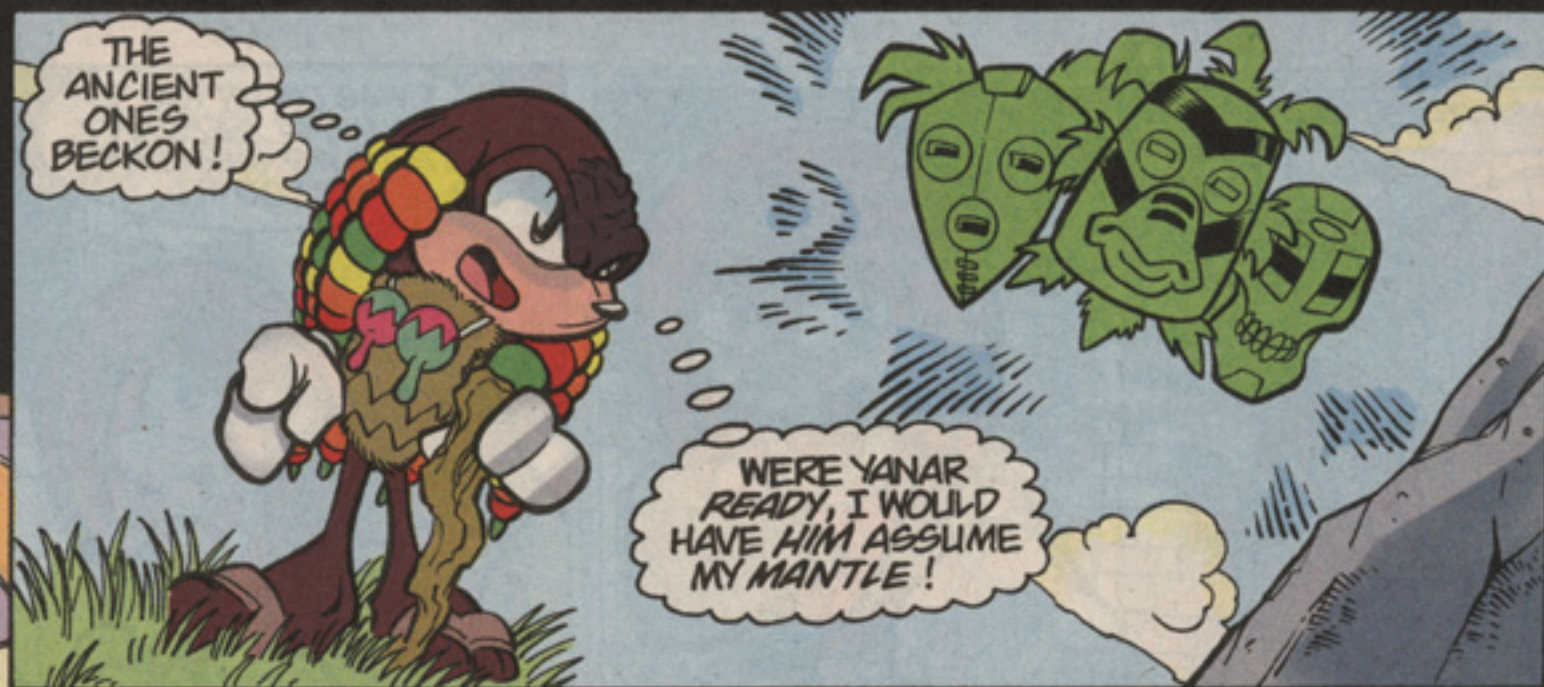
ARE WE
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REFUGE, BROTHER
ATHAIR?



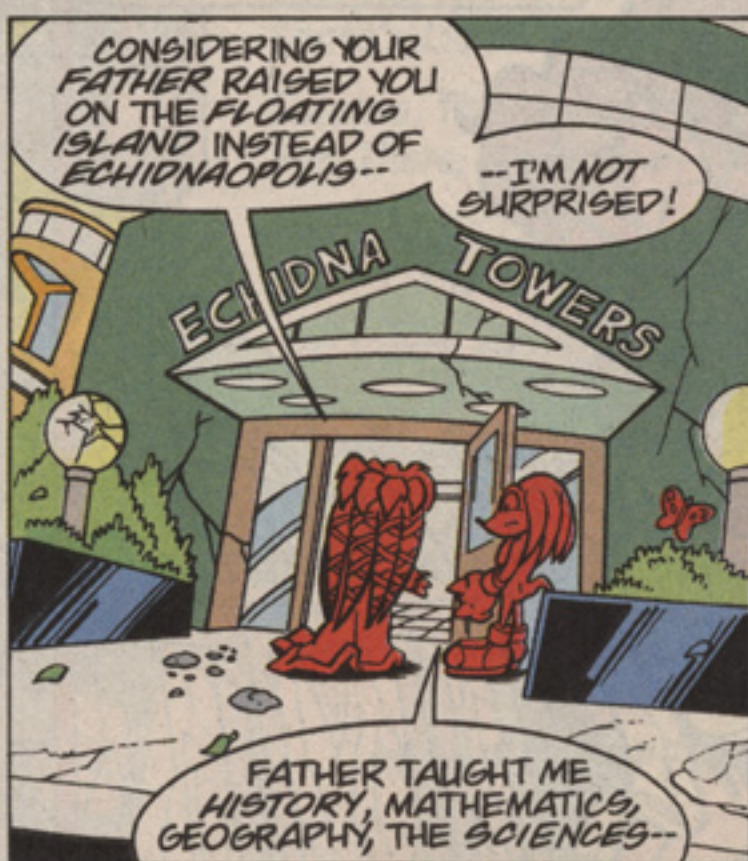
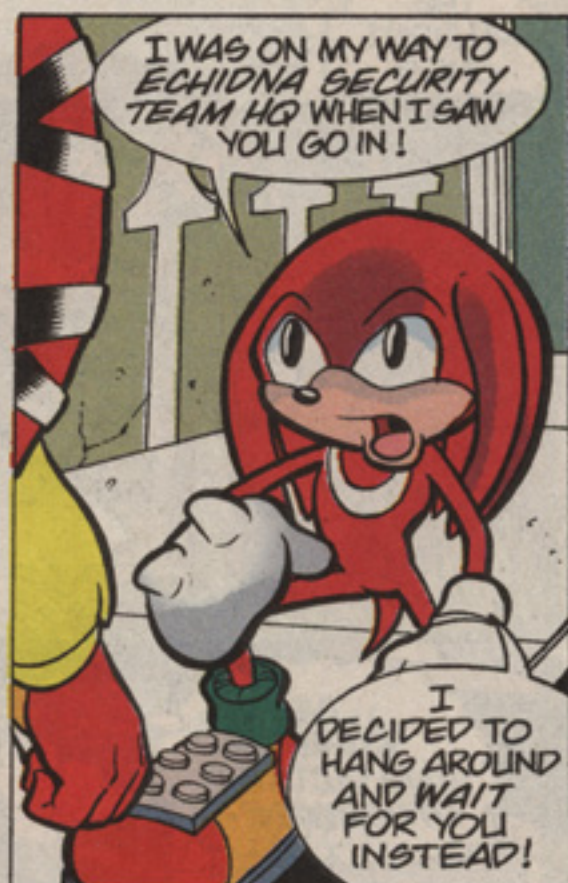
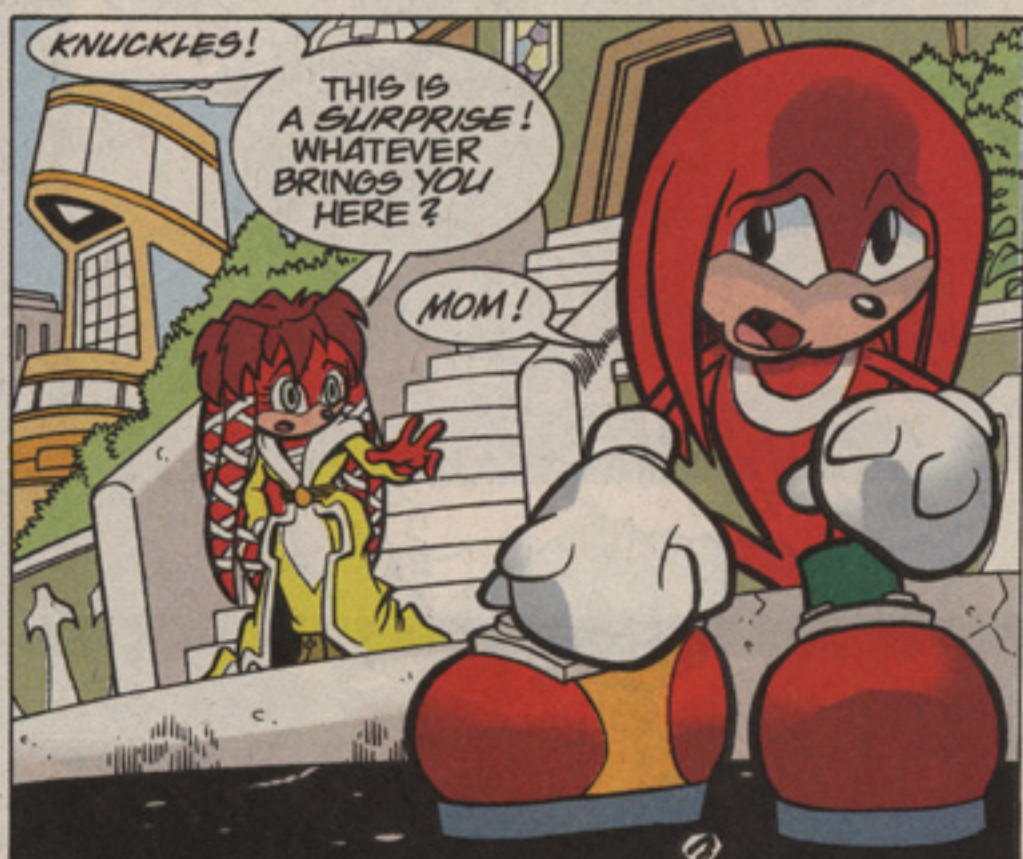
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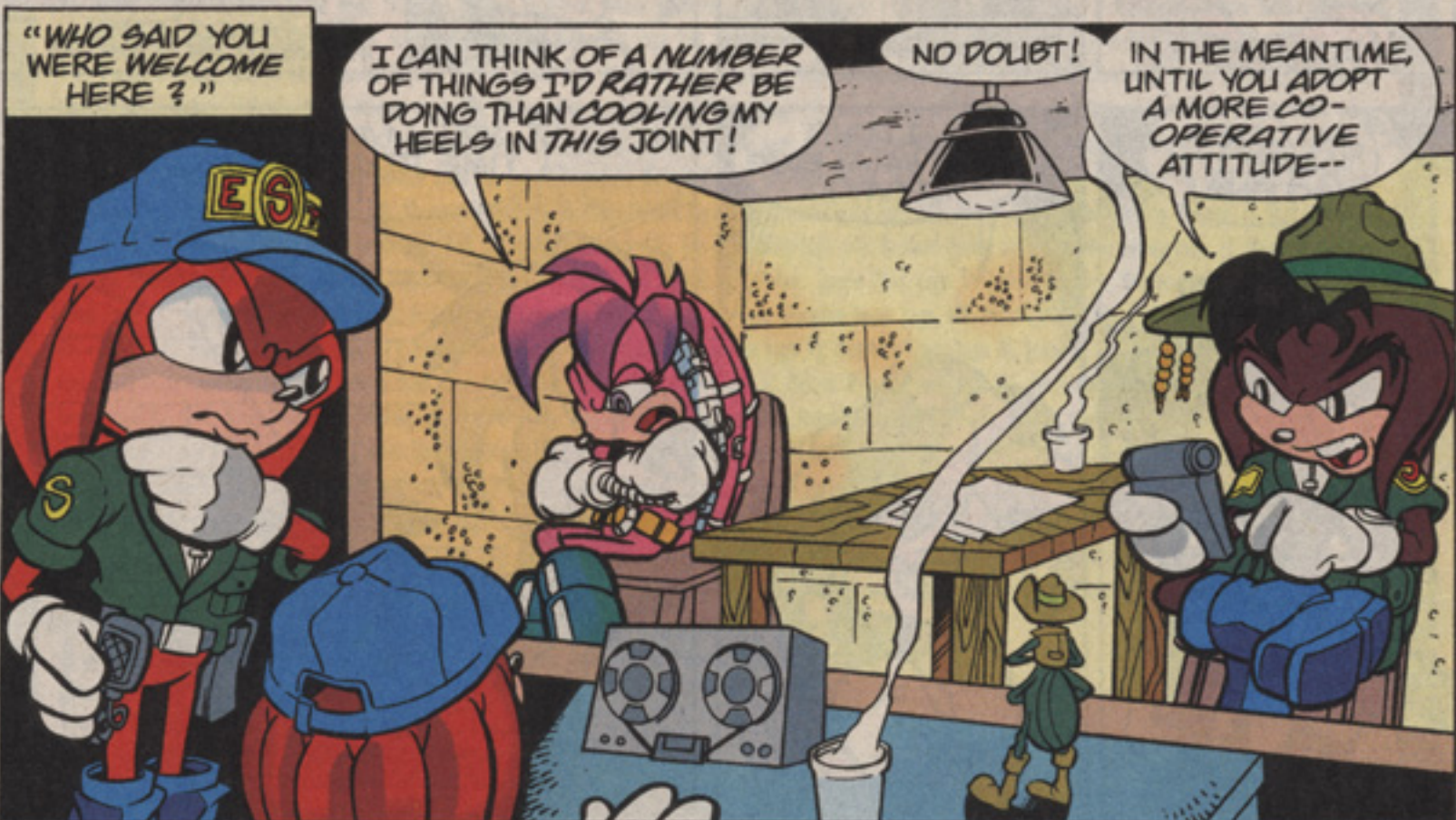
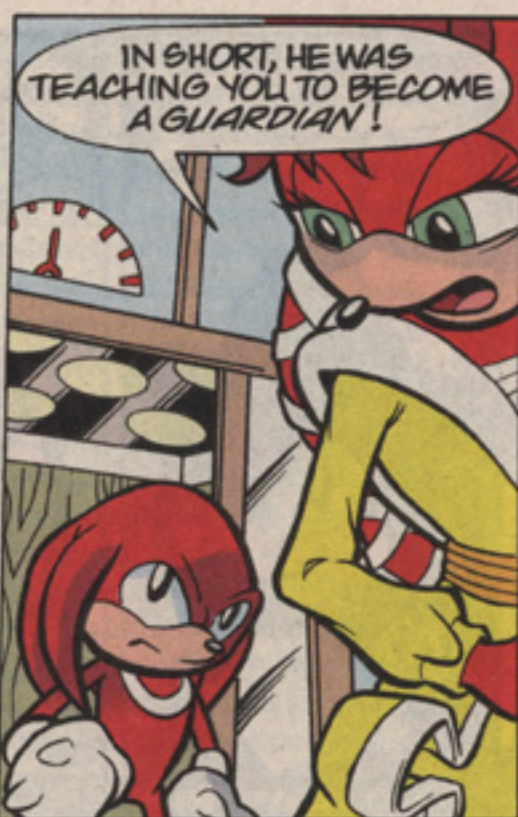


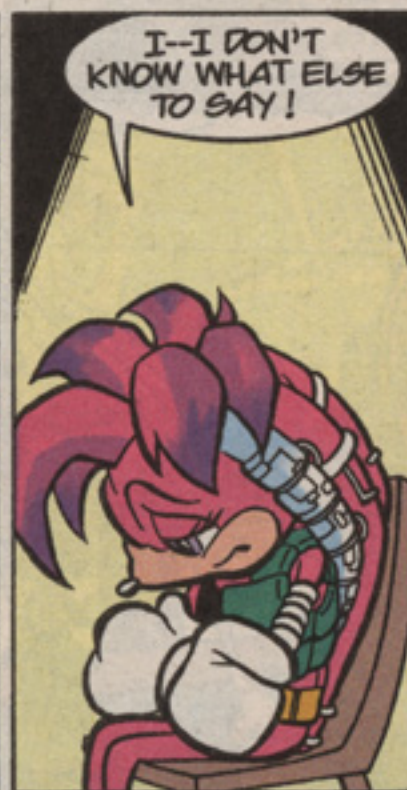




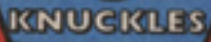
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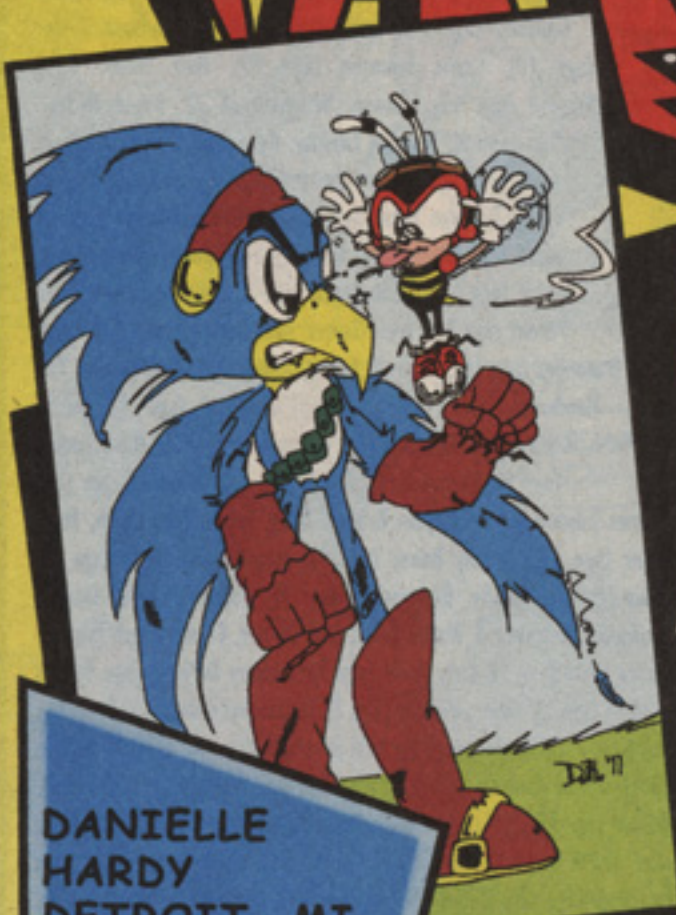






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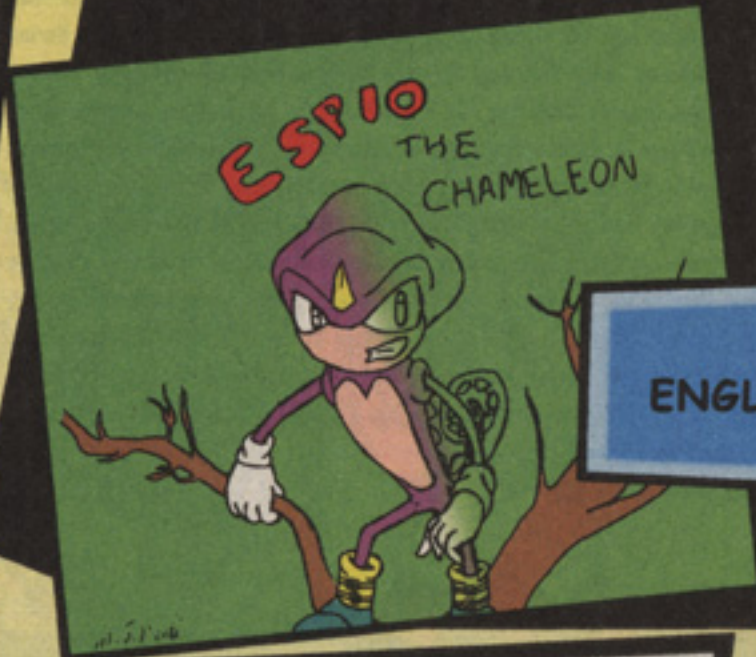
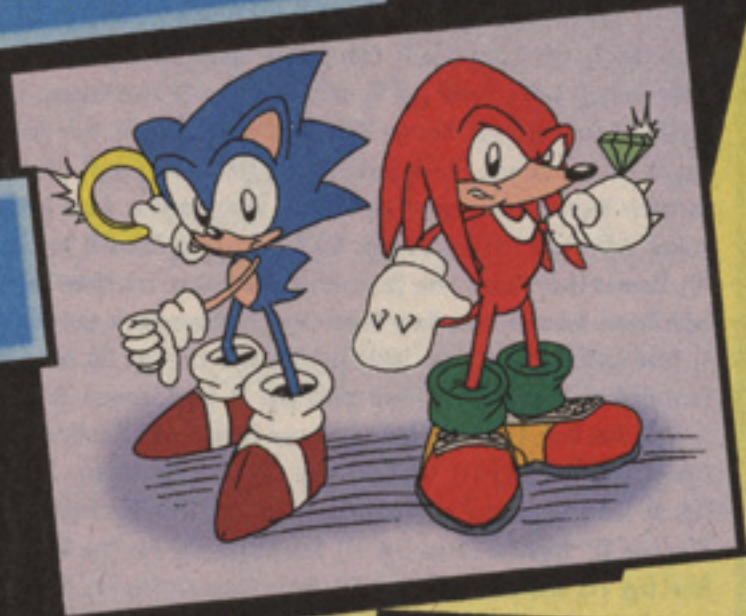


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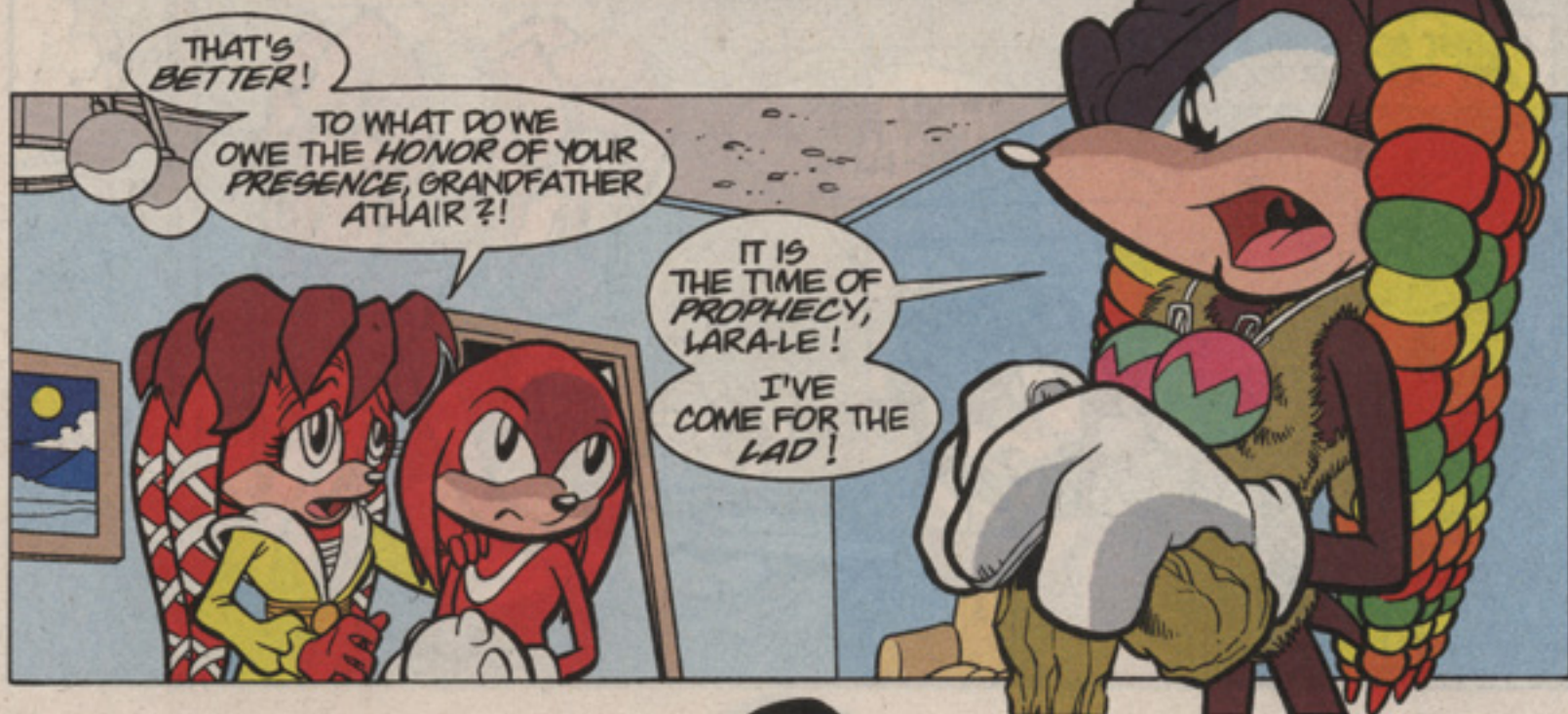
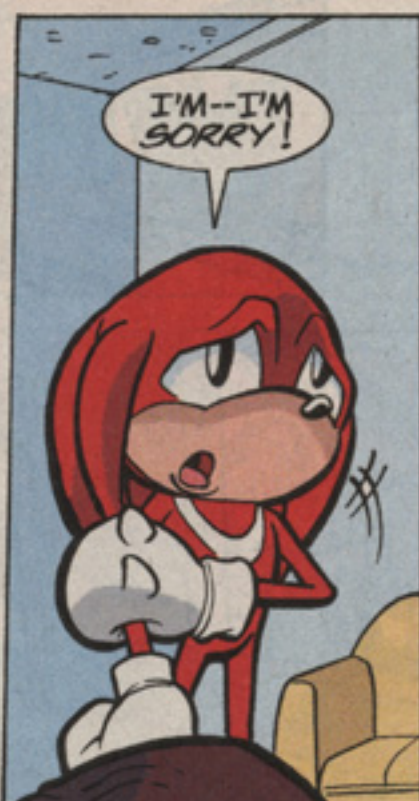
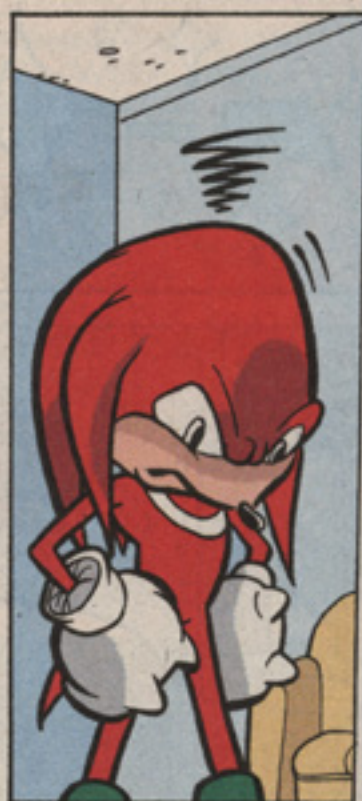
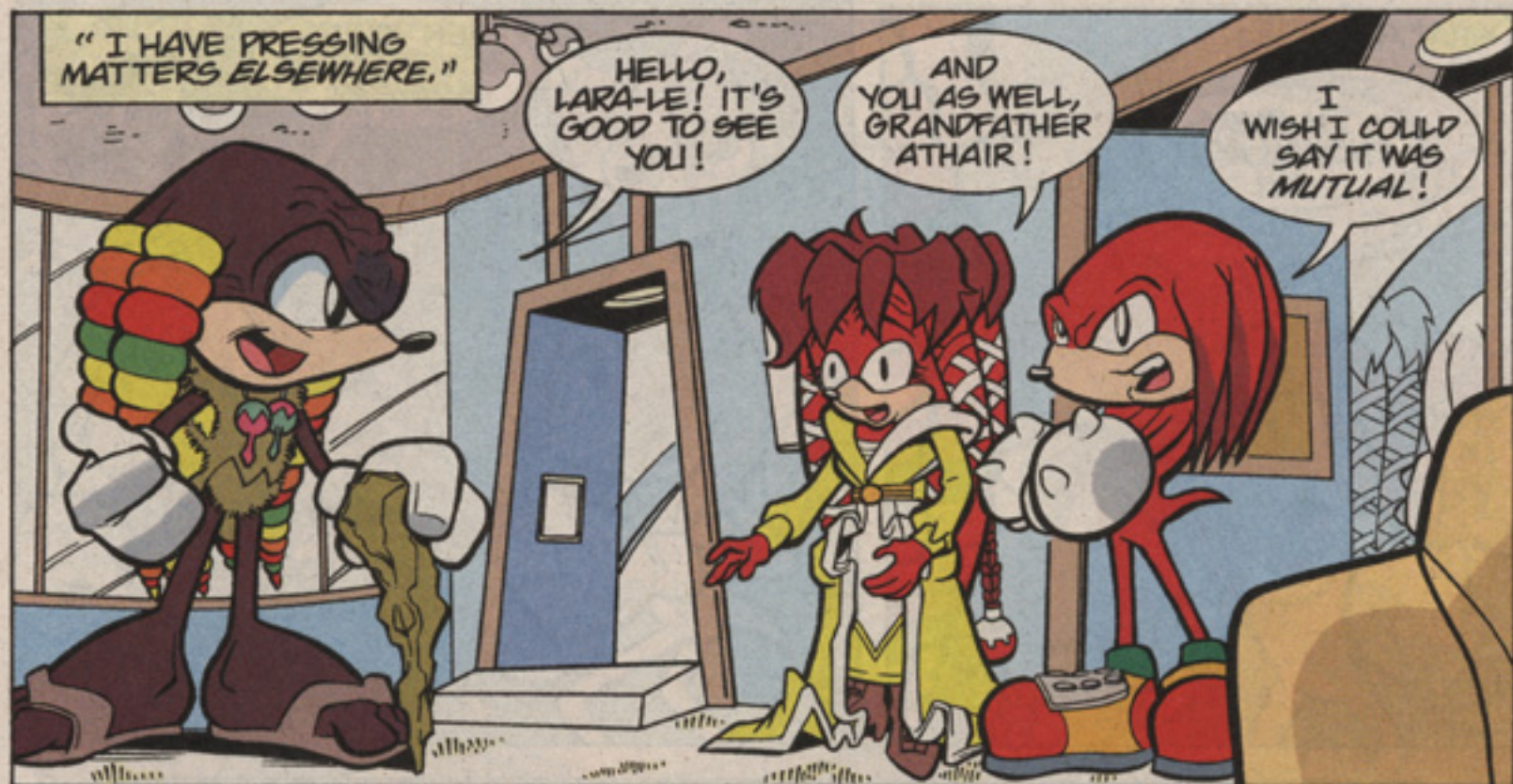
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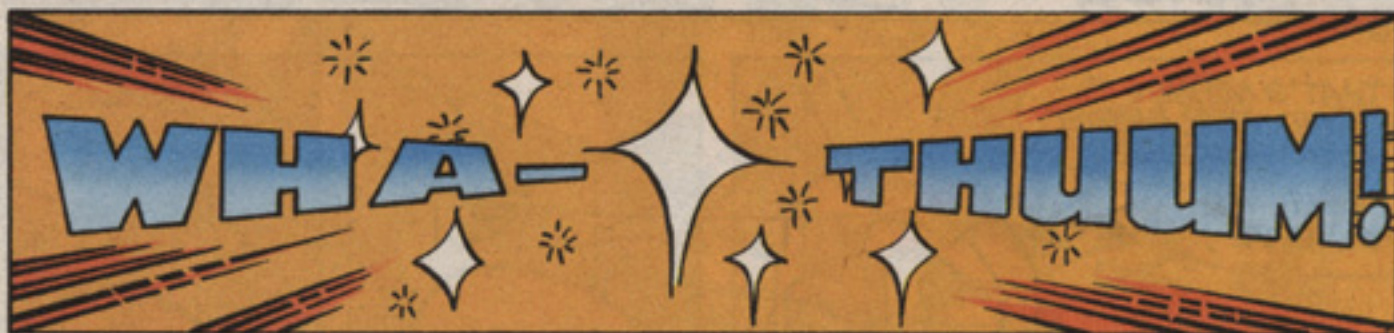
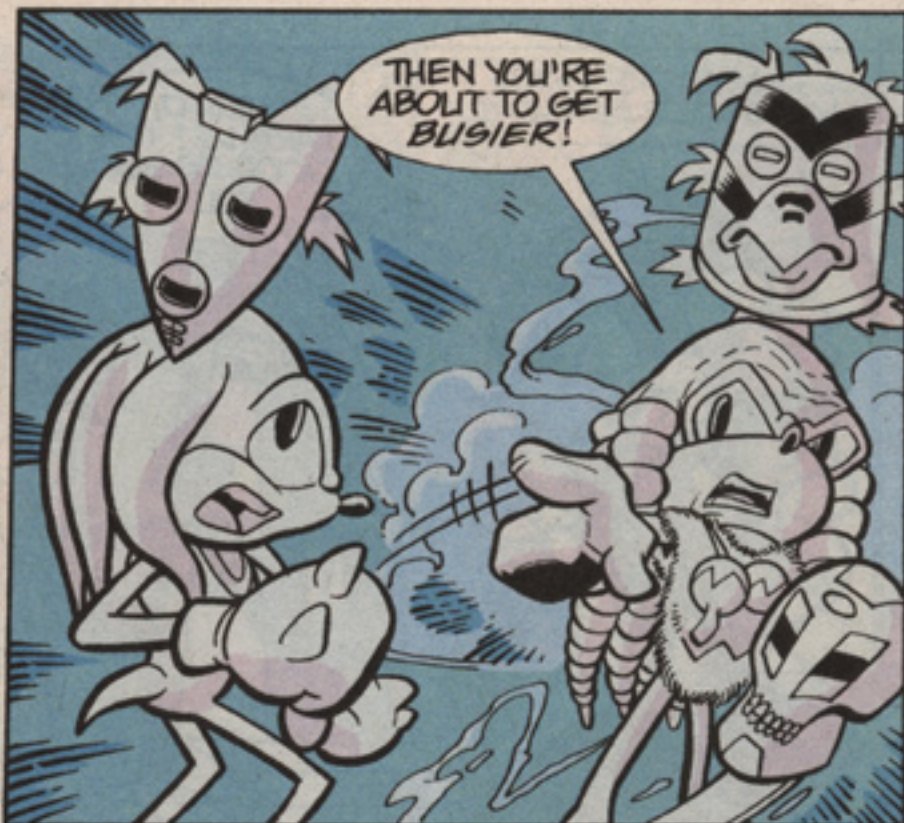
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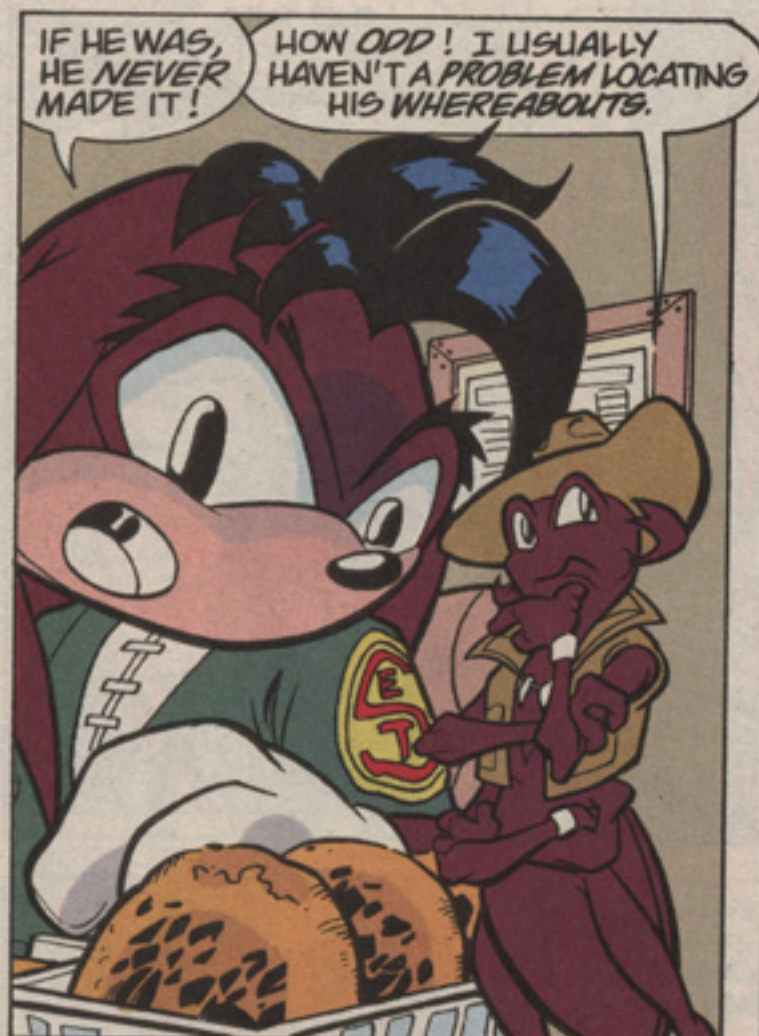
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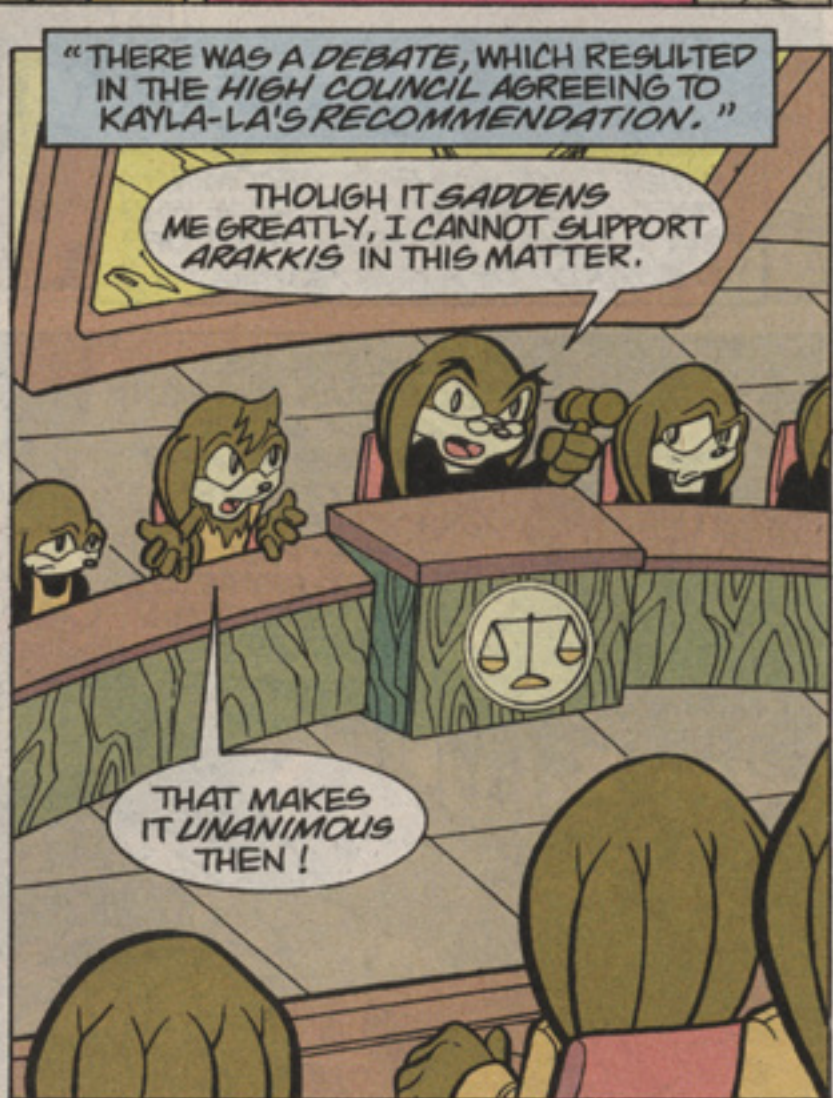
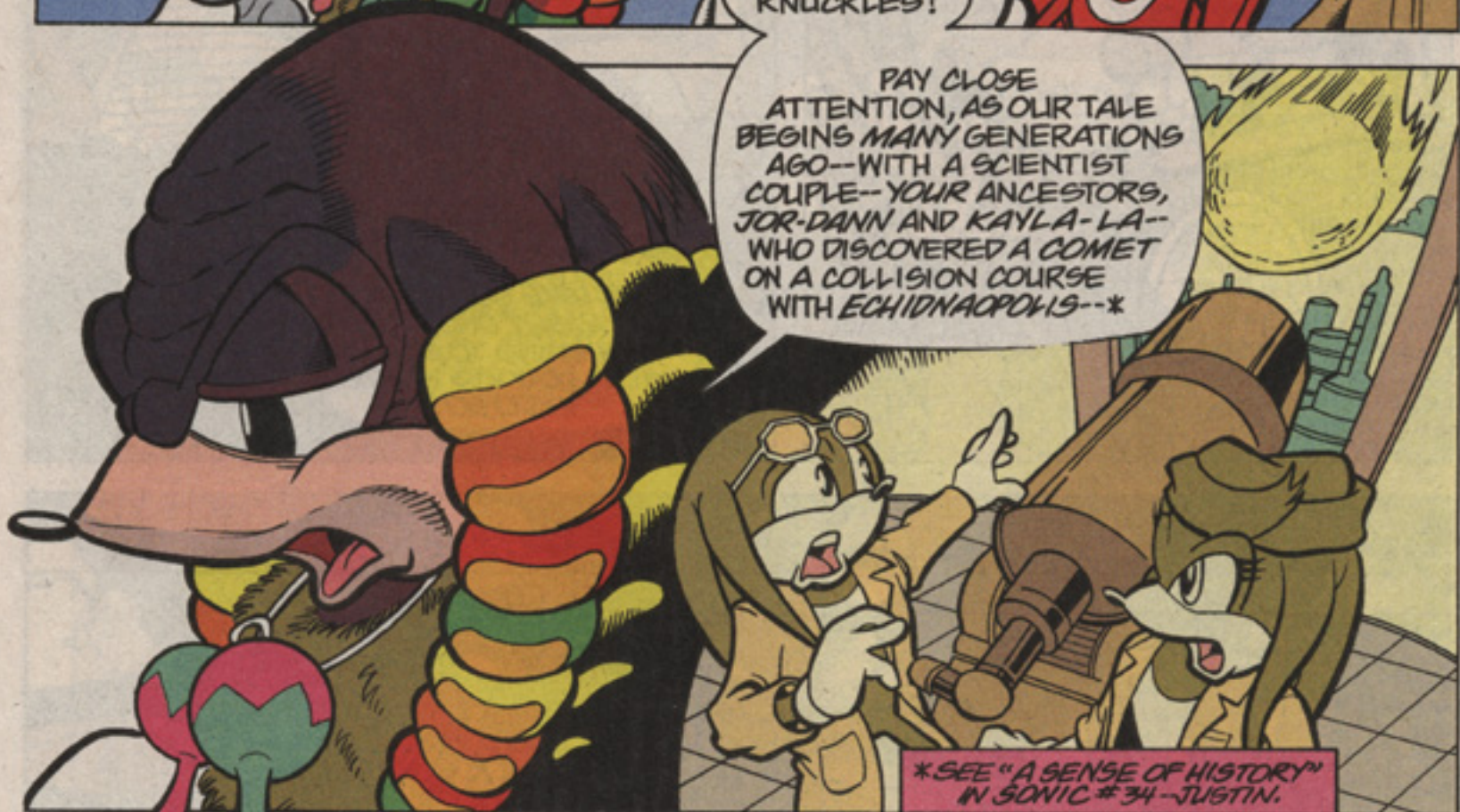
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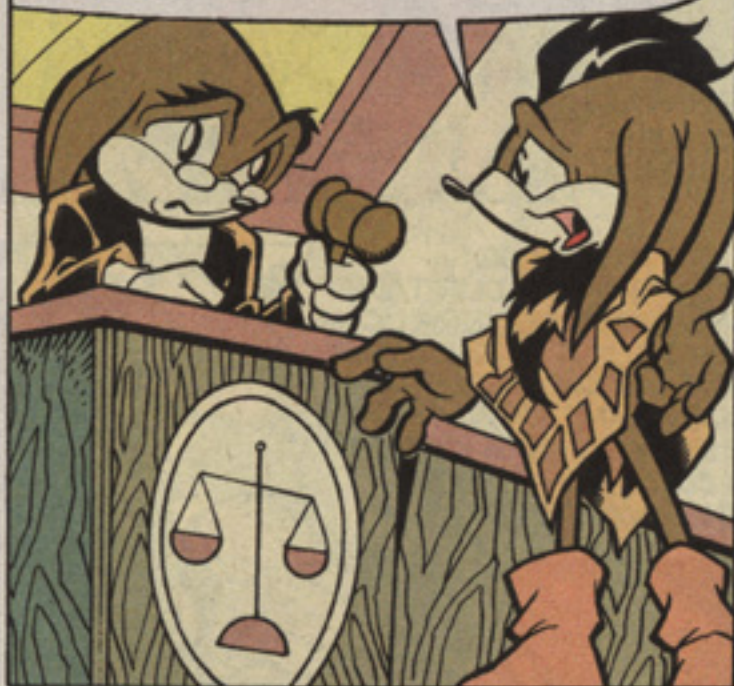




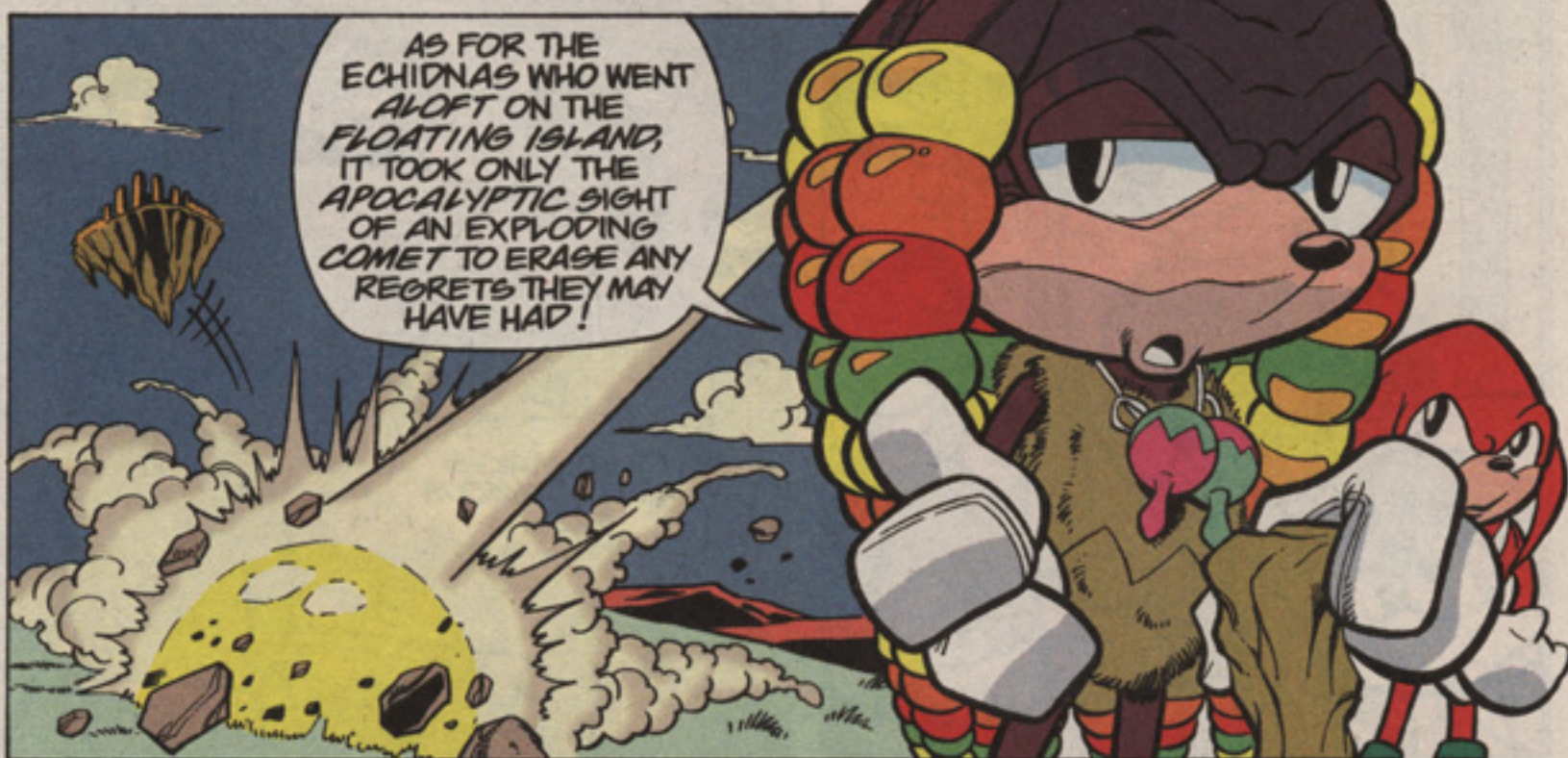
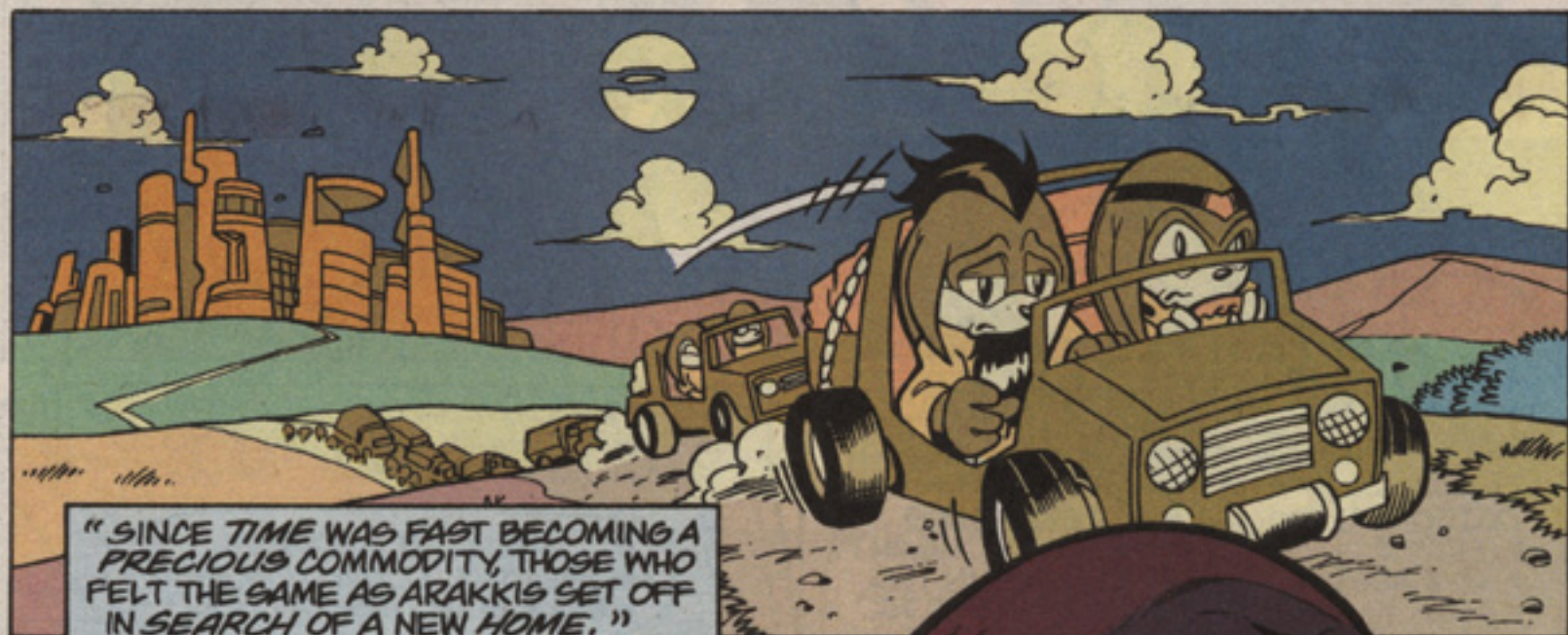


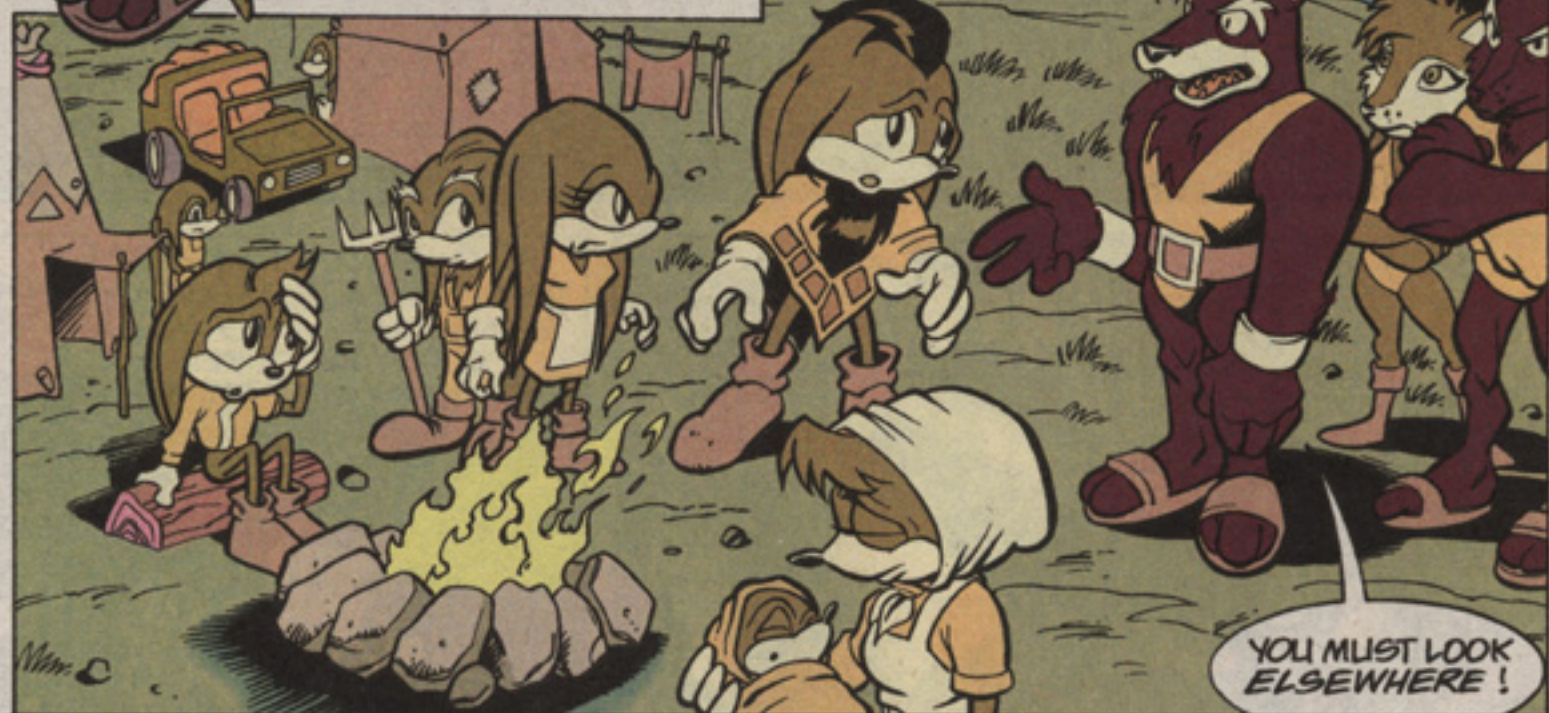
"SINCE ARAKKIS WOULD NOT ACCEPT
"NO" FOR AN ANSWER, HE MADE A
COUNTER-PROPOSAL!"

ALLOW THOSE WHO WISH TO FOLLOW
ME OF THEIR OWN FREE WILL, AND I WILL
MAKE NO EFFORT TO STAND IN YOUR WAY!



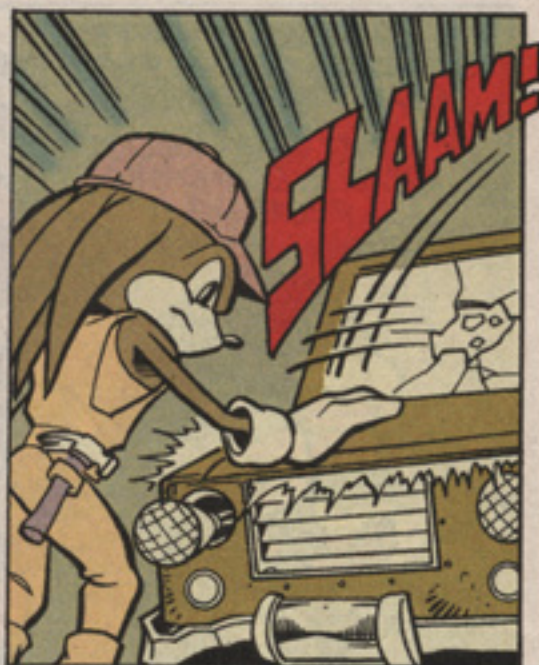
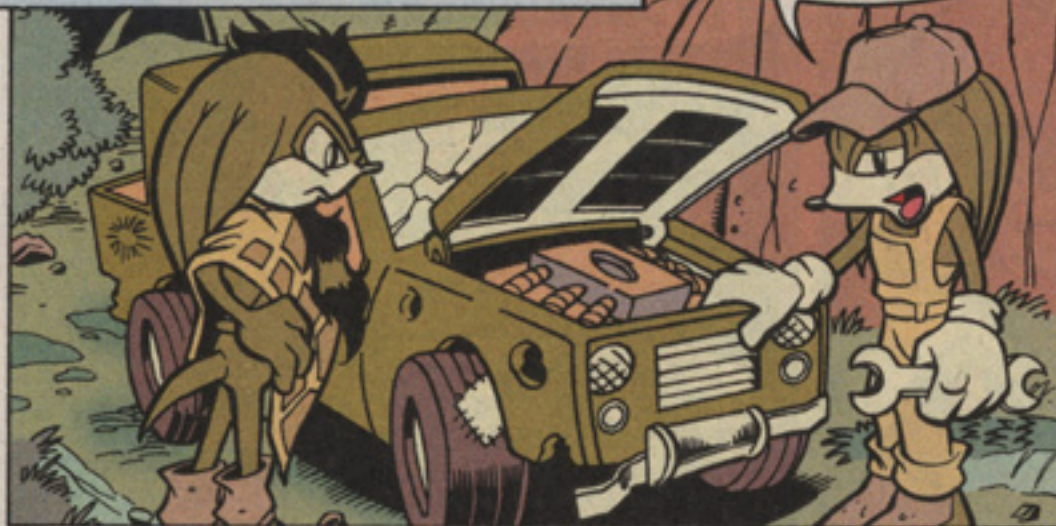
"THE HIGH COUNCIL
MORE THAN JUST
AGREED, THEY GAVE
THE POPULACE EVERY
OPPORTUNITY TO
DECIDE FOR
THEMSELVES WHICH
PATH TO FOLLOW."





"IT WASN'T MUCH LONGER BEFORE ONE FACT BECAME APPARENT: THEIR TECHNOLOGY COULD ONLY CARRY THEM SO FAR."

WITHOUT SPARE PARTS, THIS BABY'S HAD IT!



"WITHOUT A WORD OF COMPLAINT, THE TRIBE WAS AS ONE IN THE DECISION TO ABANDON THE ARTIFACTS OF THE PAST, AND SET OFF FOR A SIMPLER EXISTENCE IN ITS FUTURE!"



"THAT NIGHT, THE ANCIENT WALKERS CAME TO ARAKKIS! HE WAS STARTLED AT FIRST--"



--BUT WAS SOON HUMBLLED BY THE PROMISE OF THESE MYSTICAL BEINGS IN HELPING HIM LOOK AFTER THE TRIBE!

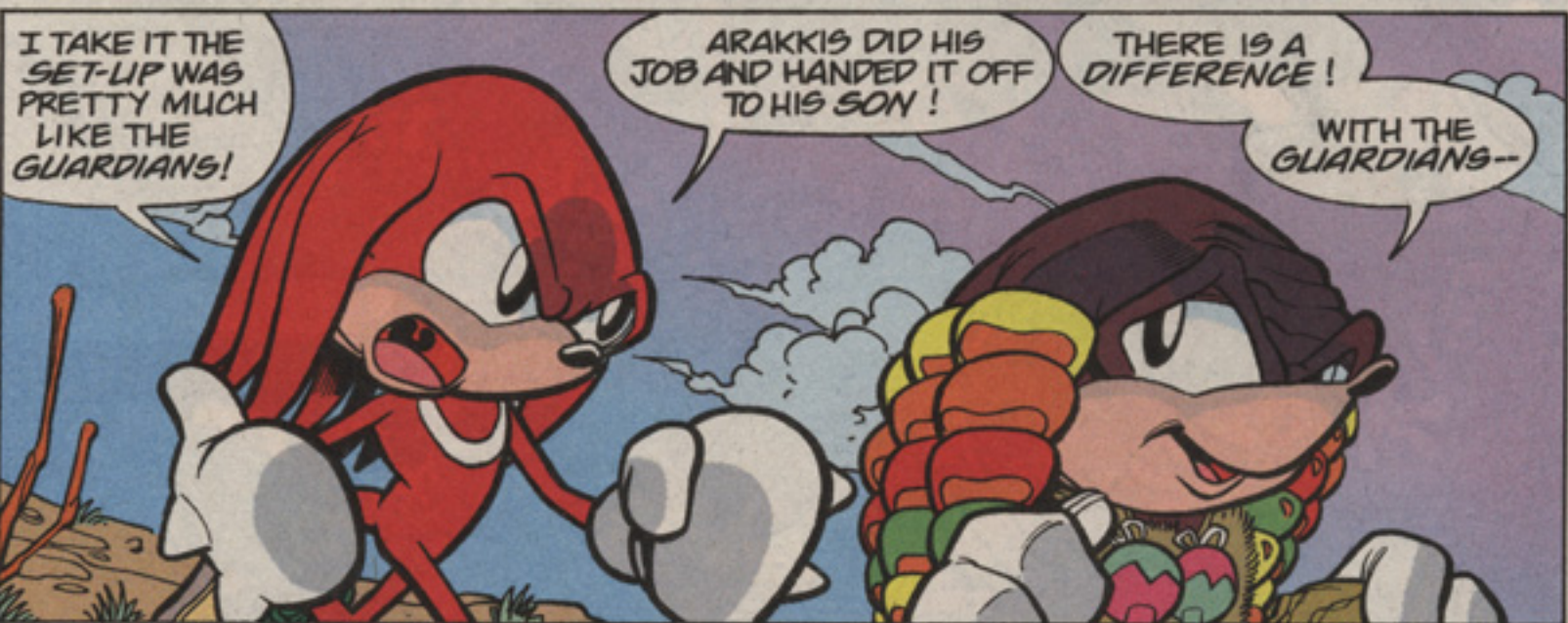


I TAKE IT THE SET-UP WAS PRETTY MUCH LIKE THE GUARDIANS!

ARAKKIS DID HIS JOB AND HANDED IT OFF TO HIS SON!

THERE IS A DIFFERENCE!

WITH THE GUARDIANS--



"--ONLY THOSE RELATED THROUGH BLOOD CAN EVER BE ONE!"

DON'T BOTHER MY TAIL NONE IF THAT WITCH ROTS HER DAYS AWAY IN SOME RATHOLE!



WE WOULDN'T BE HERE IF JULIE-SU HAD FOLLOWED HER ORDERS! *

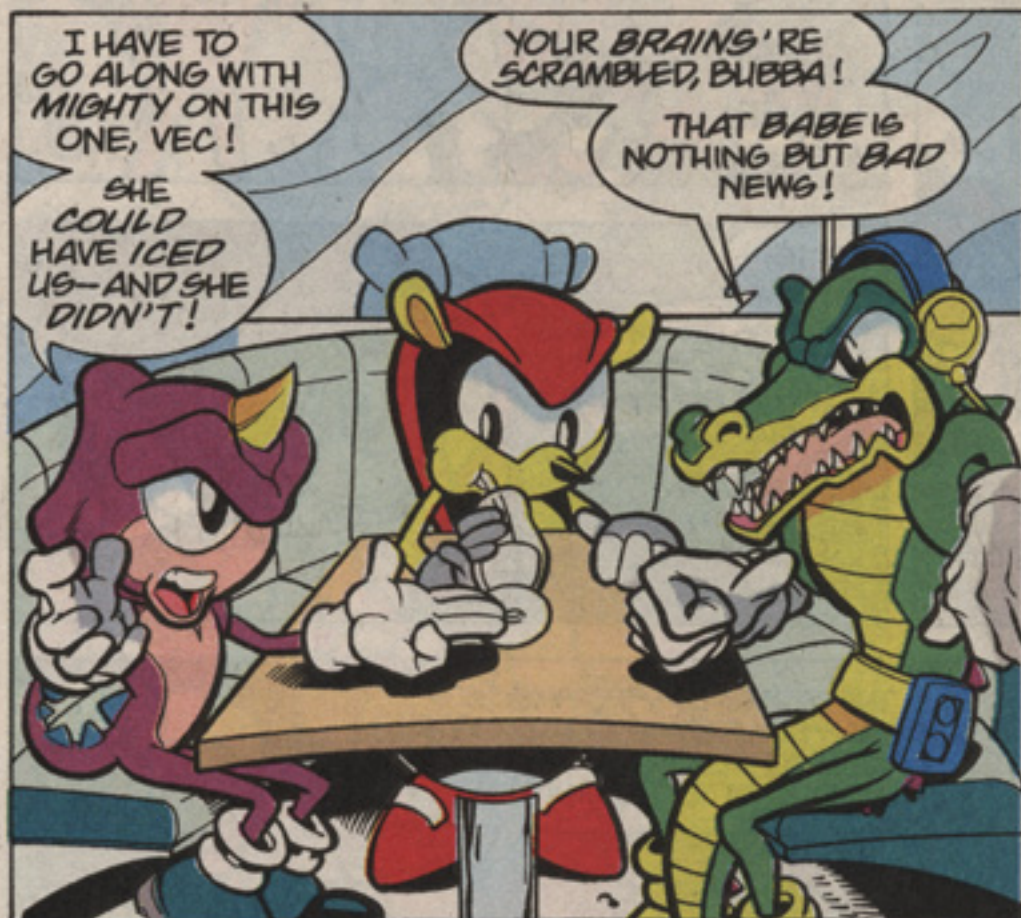
* SEE KNUCKLES #8--JUSTIN.

I HAVE TO GO ALONG WITH MIGHTY ON THIS ONE, VEC!

SHE COULD HAVE ICED US--AND SHE DIDN'T!

YOUR BRAINS'RE SCRAMBLED, BUBBA!

THAT BABE IS NOTHING BUT BAD NEWS!



GIVE IT A REST, VECTOR! THIS IS KNUCKLES' CONCERN MORE THAN OURS, ANYWAY!

SAYS WHO?

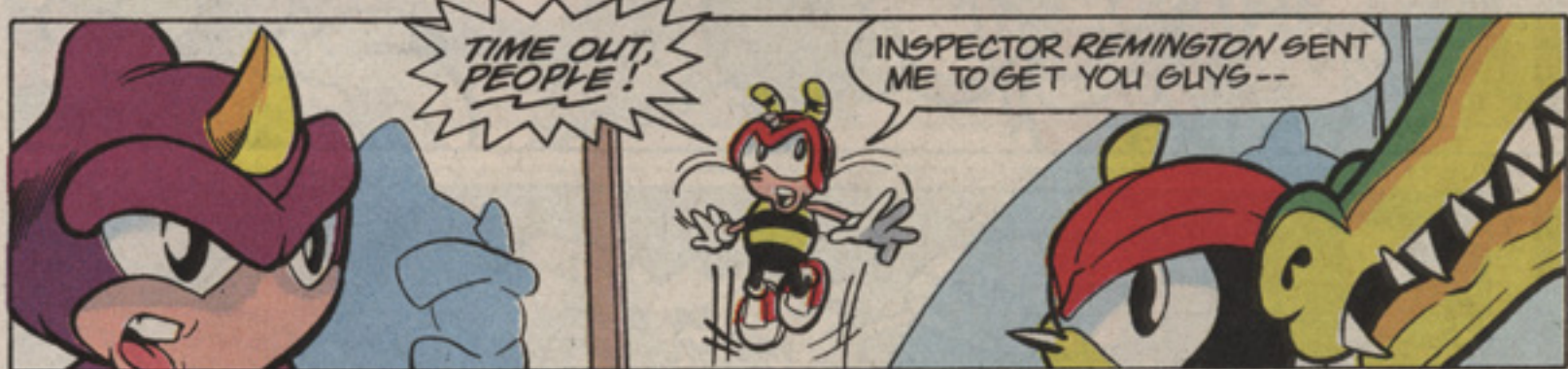
UH-OH!

LOOKS LIKE I'M NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON!



TIME OUT, PEOPLE!

INSPECTOR REMINGTON SENT ME TO GET YOU GUYS--



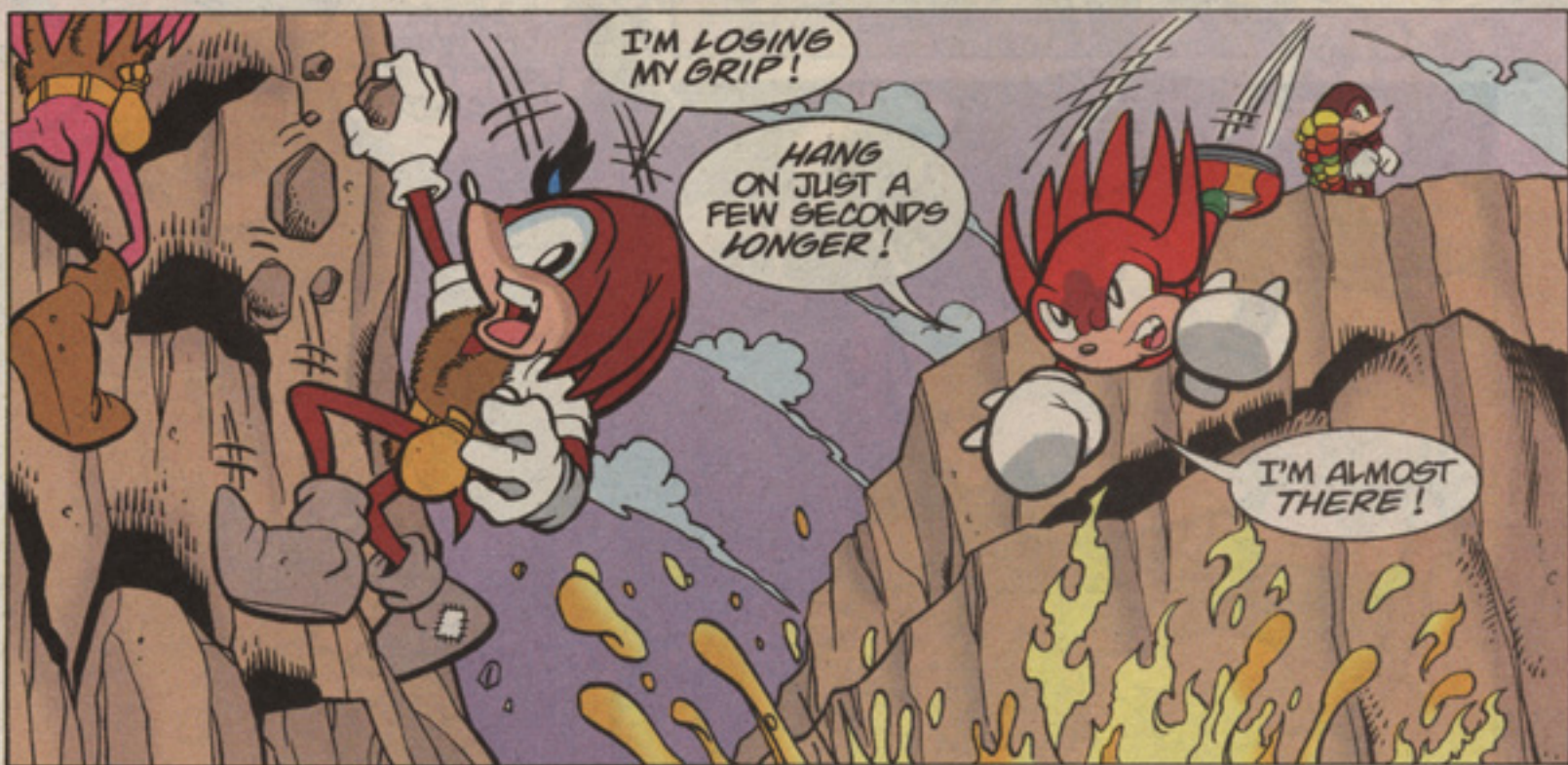
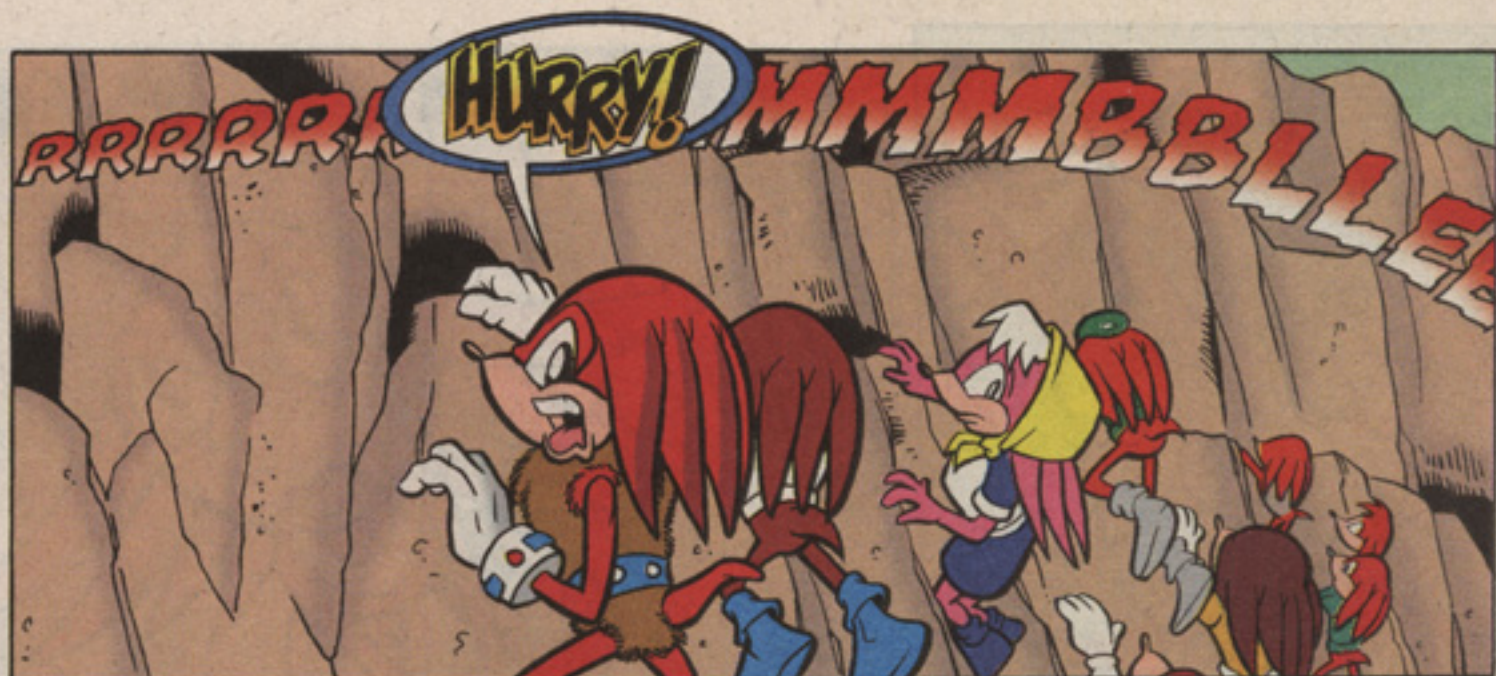
-- AND HE WANTS US NOW, NOT YESTERDAY!!

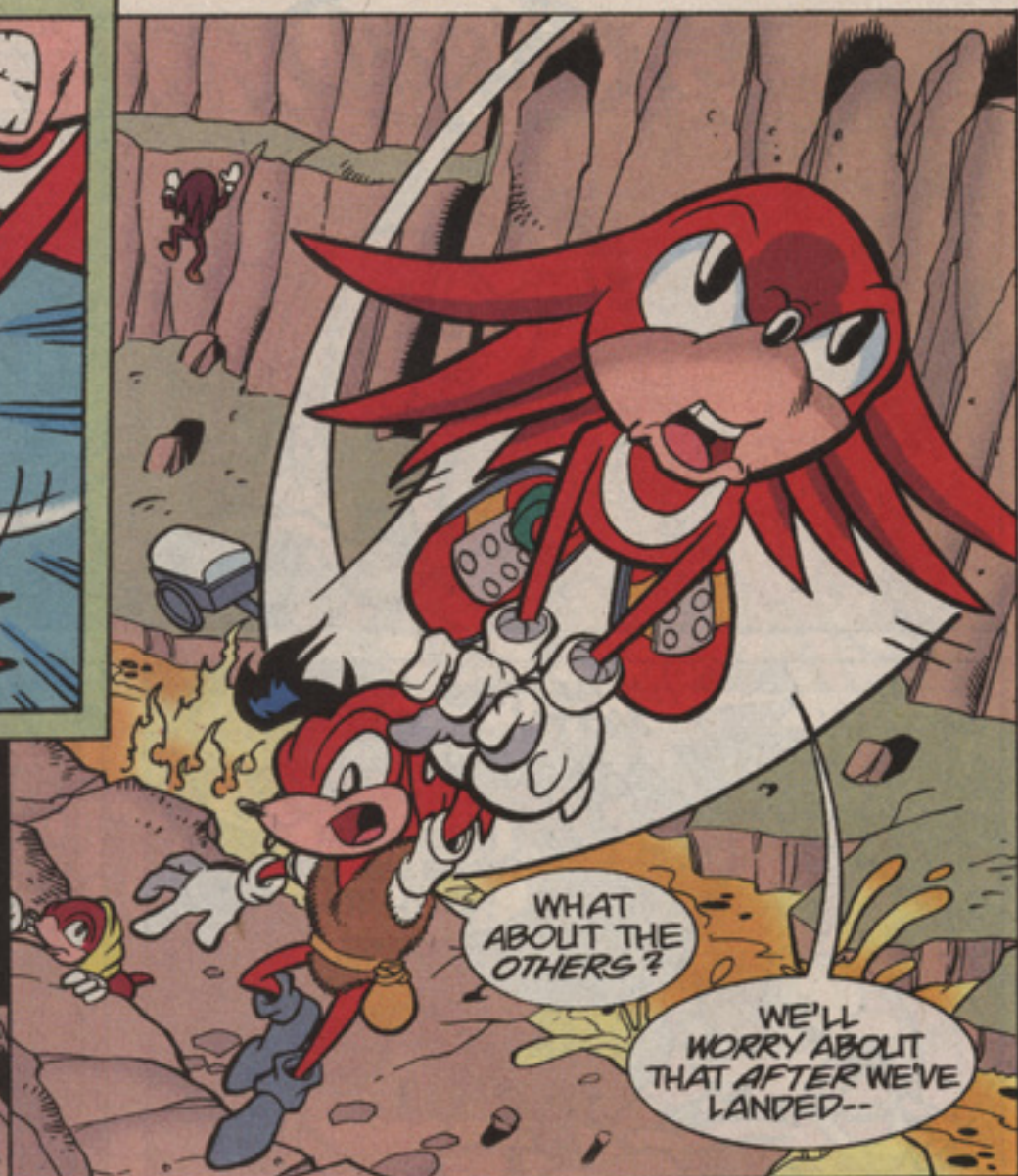
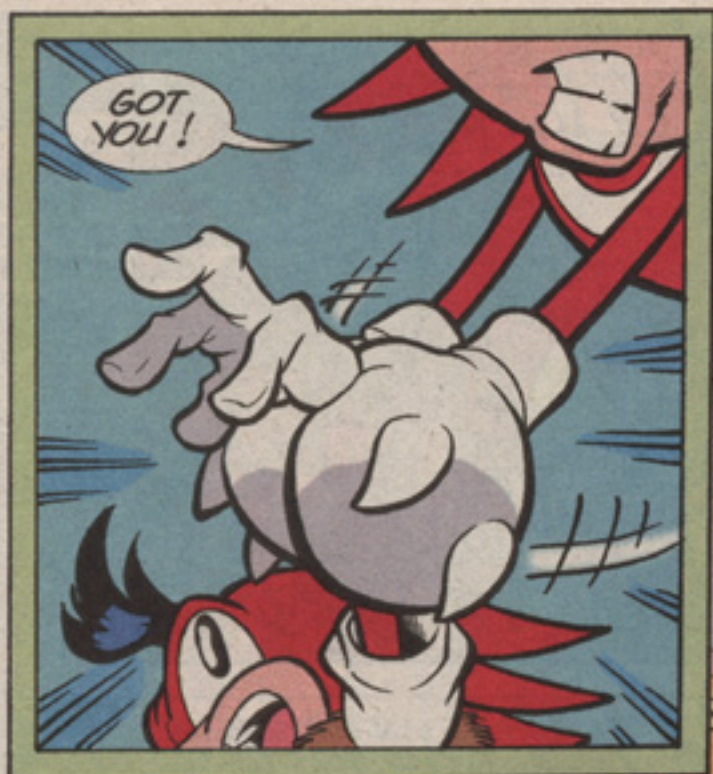
FINALLY! SOMETHING TO DO!

ONE CAN ONLY HOPE--









"--AND CAN FIGURE OUT WHERE'S A SAFE PLACE FOR THEM TO RUN TO."

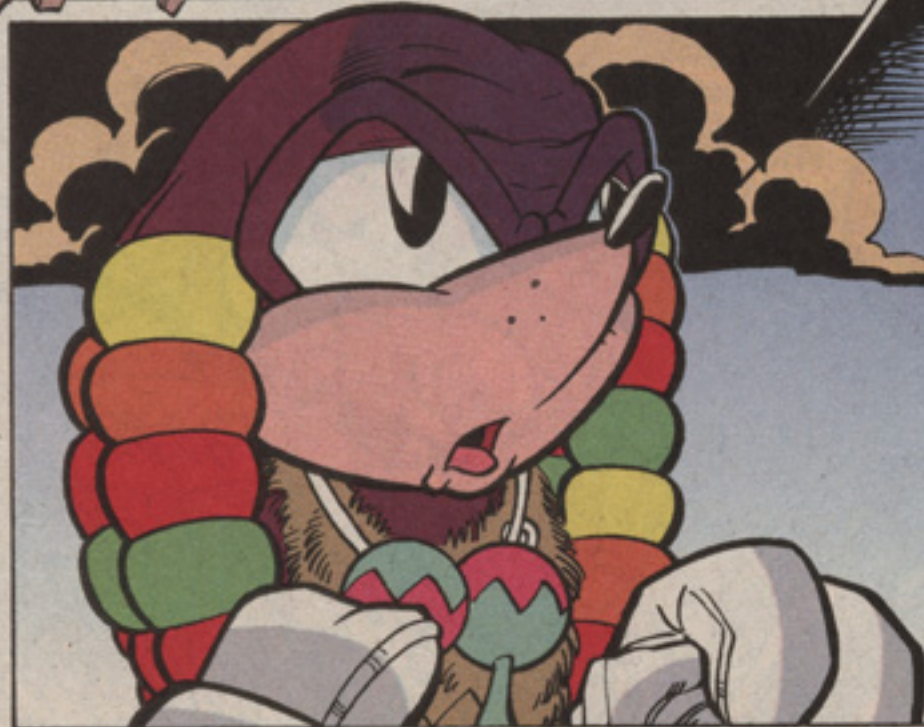


THIS IS THE DAY OF FURY!
THERE IS NO SAFE PLACE ANYWHERE, KNUCKLES!

HOW DO YOU KNOW?

THIS IS A BIIIG PLANET!

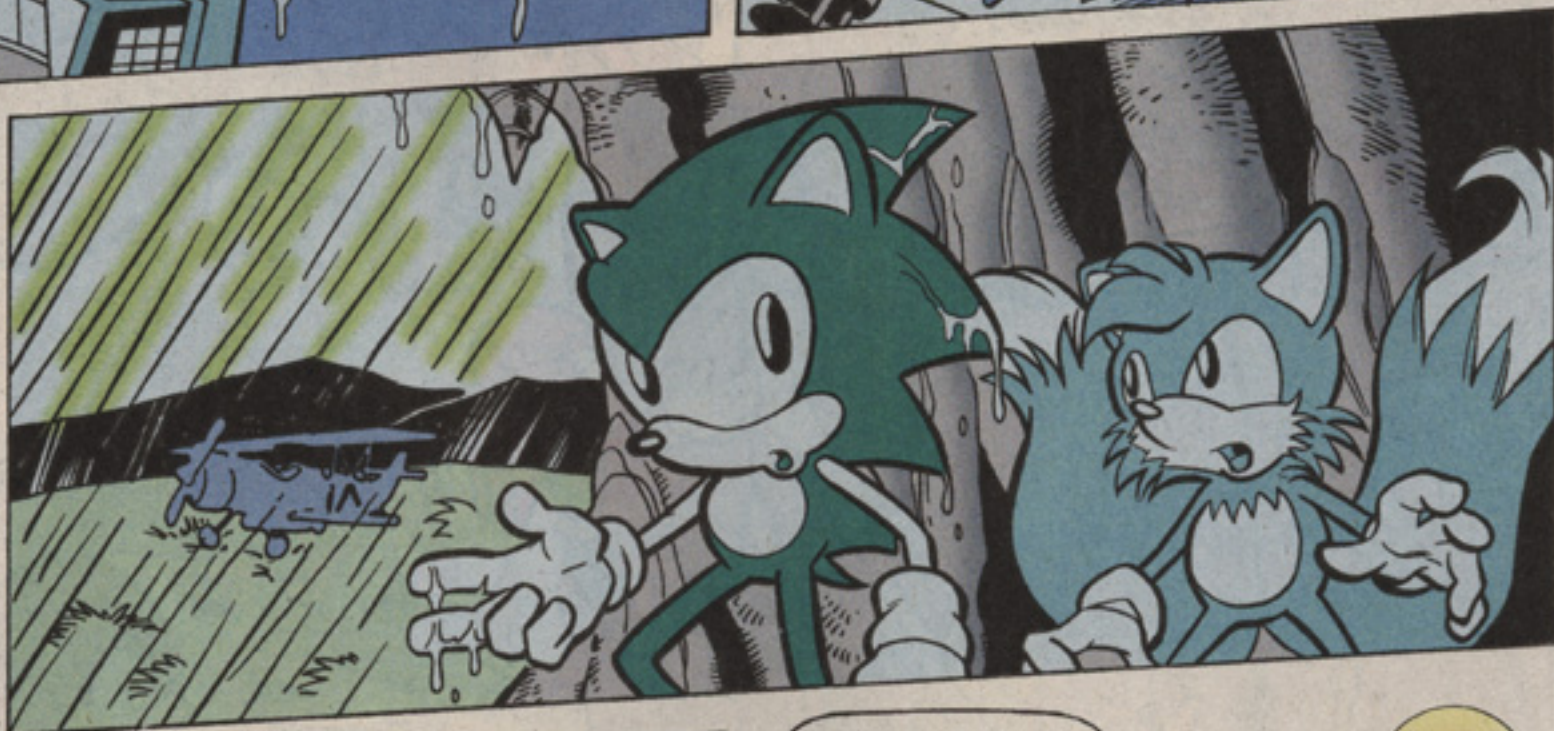
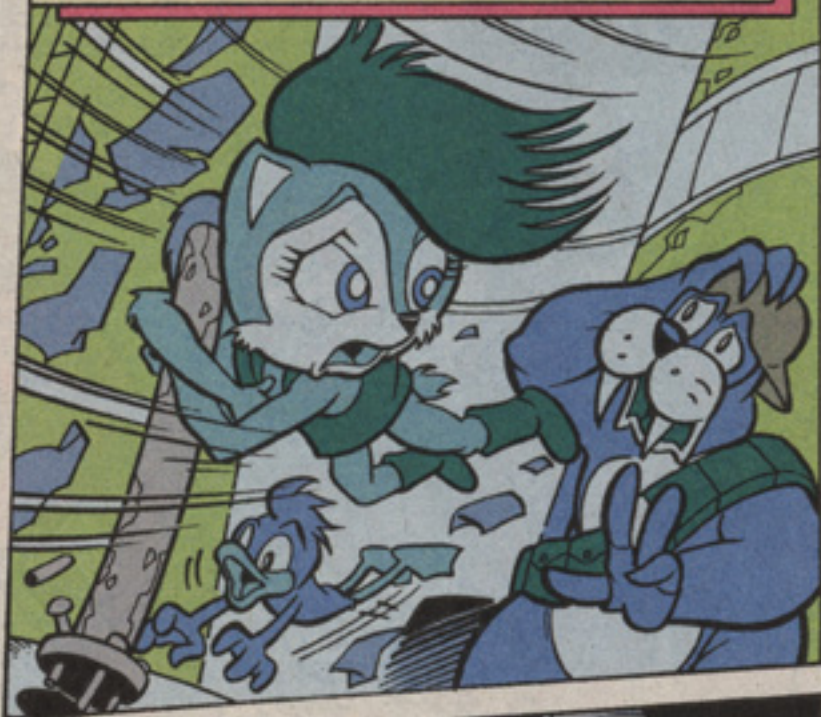
LEAST IT WAS LAST TIME I CHECKED!



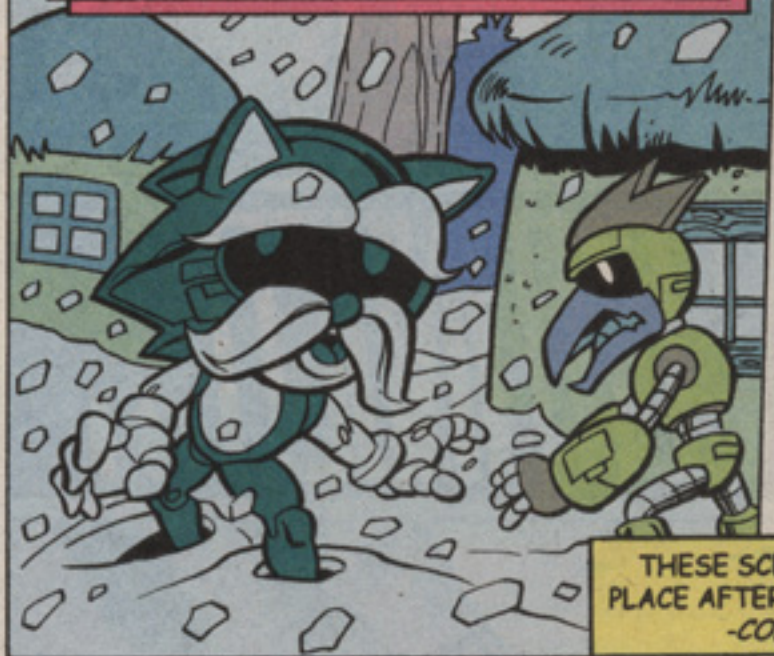
"WE WERE GIVEN THREE TOMES TO LEARN FROM AND GUIDE US, KNUCKLES! I HAVE STUDIED THEM ALL OF MY LIFE!"



"THE DAY OF FURY IS NATURE'S WAY OF ADJUSTING TO ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES IT UNDERGOES OVER A CERTAIN DURATION."



"THE LAST ONE WAS CHRONICLED IN THE TOME OF RECOLLECTIONS TO HAVE OCCURRED SOME TWELVE HUNDRED YEARS AGO--"



--UNDER SIMILAR CONDITIONS!

THAT WAS THEN, THIS IS NOW!

HOW DID ANYONE SURVIVE BACK THEN?

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NEXT MONTH:

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OF THEM ALL!**



**KNUCKLES #11
ON SALE FEBRUARY 1998**

WITH THIS ISSUE, WE FINALLY UNCOVER THE SECRETS OF WHY ATHAIR ABANDONED HIS CALLING TO BE GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND. WHY DID HE INSTEAD PICK UP THE MANTLE OF LEADING THE FORGOTTEN TRIBE IN SEARCH OF THEIR NEW HOMELAND. IT'S AN EPIC OF OBLIGATION AND FAMILY RESPONSIBILITY, SETTING THE GROUNDWORK FOR THINGS TO COME! AND WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE THIS CLIFFHANGER ENDING! **NOTE: THIS ISSUE CONTINUES INTO SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #58 AND CONCLUDES IN KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #12. WRITTEN BY KEN PENDERS WITH ART BY MANNY GALAN AND ANDREW PEPOY. KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #11 ON SALE FEBRUARY 1998!**

IN OTHER SEGA NEWS... IN ONE WEEK: AS SONIC AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS TRAVEL BACK HOME FOLLOWING THE EVENTS OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #56, THINGS HAVE GONE FROM BAD TO WORSE. IN THE ABSENCE OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, KING ACORN'S NEW EDICT HAS BEEN ISSUED: "DISMANTLE ALL ROBANS!" WITH BATTLE LINES DRAWN STRAIGHT DOWN THE MIDDLE BETWEEN KING ACORN AND UNCLE CHUCK. THE QUESTION REMAINS... WHO WILL SONIC AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS SIDE WITH? THIS ONE MUST NOT BE MISSED. STORY BY KARL BOLLERS WITH ART BY SAM MAXWELL AND PAM EKLUND. PLUS: THE ONE STORY YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR: HOW DID BUNNIE AND ANTOINE ESCAPE CROCBOT'S CLUTCHES? THIS ISSUE CONTAINS THE ANSWER. STORY BY MIKE GALLAGHER. ART CHORES BY NELSON ORTEGA AND PAM EKLUND.

**SONIC SUPER SPECIAL#4: "RETURN OF THE KING"
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IN THREE WEEKS: WITNESS THE PAST UNFOLD AS SONIC AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS REMINISCE ABOUT TIMES GONE BY - - THE JOY, THE SADNESS, THE LOSSES AND THE VICTORIES! THIS STORY IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY KARL BOLLERS, ART MAWHINNEY AND JIM AMASH. SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #57 ON SALE LATE JANUARY 1998!

IN FOUR WEEKS: THE ULTIMATE SHOWDOWN BEGINS! WIZEMAN THE WICKED ISN'T GOING TO WAIT ANOTHER HUNDRED YEARS BEFORE HE CAN MAKE REALITY INTO A WORLD OF NIGHTMARES! HIS TIME TO STRIKE IS NOW! HE WILL NOT ALLOW THE TWO PERFECT DREAMERS OF THIS TIME, CLARIS AND ELLIOT, TO STAND IN HIS WAY. AND IF NIGHTS, HIS FORMER HENCHMAN, IS FOOLISH ENOUGH TO HELP THEM, THEN WIZEMAN HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO SIC REALA AFTER HIM. ESPECIALLY WHEN REALA IS THE ONLY NIGHTMAREN TO DEFEAT NIGHTS! AND IF HE BEAT HIM BEFORE... HE CAN BEAT HIM AGAIN!

**HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!!! NIGHTS INTO DREAMS #3 (OF 3)
ON SALE FEBRUARY 1998!**

CATCH YOU ON THE FLIP SIDE!

FEED



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THANKS FOR UNDERSTANDING

DEAR KNUCKLES,

YOU'RE MY FAVORITE CHARACTER OUT OF ALL THE OTHERS. YOU'RE TALENTED, QUICK AND COOL. I JUST READ KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #4 AND HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS:

- 1) WILL JULIE-SU APPEAR IN ANY OTHER COMICS AFTER KNUCKLES #5 & #6?
- 2) WILL ESPIO EVER HAVE HIS OWN MINI-SERIES?
- 3) WILL KNUCKLES EVER GET ALONG WITH JULIE-SU? 4) WILL KNUCKLES FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO ECHIDNAOPOLIS?

JOSHUA HAMPTON
BROWNSVILLE, TX

WHAT'S UP, JOSHUA? THANKS FOR THE COMPLIMENT. I'M NOT REALLY COMFORTABLE RECEIVING COMPLIMENTS SO DON'T WORRY, I WON'T LET IT GET TO MY HEAD LIKE IT DOES WITH SONIC. NOW ON TO THE ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS:

- 1) AS YOU KNOW BY NOW, JULIE-SU HAS NOT ONLY APPEARED IN ISSUES #5 & #6, BUT ALSO #7 TO THE PRESENT.
- 2) THERE ARE NO PLANS FOR AN ESPIO MINI-SERIES IN THE WORKS.
- 3) I DON'T KNOW. TIME WILL TELL.
- 4) YEAH, I FOUND OUT IN KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #5 HOW ECHIDNAOPOLIS DISAPPEARED FROM THE FLOATING ISLAND.

HEY BROTHA',

WUZ UP? THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'M WRITING TO YOU AND I THINK I LIKE IT. IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU SHOWED UP IN ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR OWN SERIES. ANYWAY, MY NAME IS LAURA AND I JUST BECAME WILD ABOUT THE SONIC COMIC BOOK SERIES AS WELL AS YOURS SINCE I FIRST READ THEM. NOW, BEING AN ART AND COMIC BOOK FANATIC, I WOULD LIKE TO COMPLIMENT MANNY GALAN FOR ONCE AGAIN AMAZING US ALL WITH YOUR ART. I MEAN, THIS GUY IS "DA BEST" WHEN IT COMES TO DRAWING CHARACTERS AND BACK-GROUNDS. HERE TO SHARE HER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS IS MY GOOD PEN-PAL, FELINA. I'LL LET HER TALK NOW:

BUENOS DIAS, MIS AMIGOS! FIRST OFF, I'D LIKE TO SAY I AGREE WITH LAURA, MANNY GALAN IS THE BEST! HE REALLY KNOWS HOW TO DRAW THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND THE CHAOTIX. I THINK, OUT OF ALL THE CHAOTIX, KNUCKLES IS THE MOST 'GUAPO' (HANDSOME). NOW I KNOW IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS, BUT DO YOU AND JULIE-SU HAVE SOMETHING GOING ON? TELL THE CHAOTIX "HOLA!" FOR ME. ESPECIALLY THAT FINE, COOL CROC VECTOR.

DON'T MIND FELINA, SHE'S A GOOD GIRL AT HEART. SEE YOU IN THIRTY, SWEET KNUCKLES.

SINCERELY,
LAURA CEDRAN AND FELINA
HICKORY HILLS, IL

WELL, GIRLS, MANNY GALAN IS A FINE ARTIST. HE'S ALSO A GEN-

TLERMAN AND A SCHOLAR. HE THANKS YOU FOR YOUR KIND WORDS. I GUESS JULIE-SU AND I ARE FRIENDS (IF YOU COULD CALL IT THAT) AND THAT'S IT. VECTOR SAYS, "HOLA BACK AT 'CHAI!"



DEAR KNUX,

HEY! I'M GLAD YOU FINALLY GOT YOUR OWN (WELL-DESERVED) SERIES, INSTEAD OF HAVING TO TAG ALONG IN SONIC'S. OKAY, HERE'S MY QUESTION: IN SONIC'S FRIENDLY NEMESIS KNUCKLES MINI-SERIES, IT WAS ESTABLISHED THAT LONG AGO AN ECHIDNA SCIENTIST NAMED DIMITRI TRIED TO ABSORB THE POWER OF THE CHAOS EMERALDS INTO THE CHAOS SYPHON BUT INSTEAD ABSORBED THEM INTO HIMSELF AND BECAME ENERJAK. SINCE HE ONLY ABSORBED THE ENERGIES OF ELEVEN (OUT OF THE TWELVE) EMERALDS, WHY DIDN'T THE ISLAND FALL TO THE GROUND, AS HE HAD PLANNED?

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THE ECHIDNA SCIENTISTS REALLY HAD NO IDEA HOW LIMITLESS THE POWER OF ONE CHAOS EMERALD WOULD BE. SO THEY USED AS MANY CHAOS EMERALDS AS THEY COULD FIND. WHEN ENERJAK ABSORBED ALL BUT ONE OF THEM, THEY FOUND OUT IT WAS ENOUGH TO KEEP THE ISLAND AFLOAT.

DEAR KNUCKLES,

CONGRATS ON GETTING YOUR OWN SERIES! I JUST READ #4 AND LOVED IT. I LIKE HOW MR. PENDERS REVEALS YOUR PAST, BIT BY BIT. YOU HAVE NOW BECOME MY FAVORITE CHARACTER AND AM GLAD THAT I CAN FOLLOW YOUR ADVENTURES MONTH AFTER MONTH. QUESTION TIME: 1) WHEN DID YOUR ANCESTORS GET THEIR KNUCKLES? I NOTICED THAT NEITHER EDMUND, THE FIRST GUARDIAN, NOR HIS SON STEPPENWOLF HAVE THEM. 2) WHO IS LARA-LE? 3) WHO WERE THOSE GUYS AT THE END OF #4 WITH THE E.S.T. ON THEIR HATS? 4) WILL YOU BE MAKING ANY MORE APPEARANCES AS HYPER KNUCKLES? 5) WILL YOU AND SONIC EVER BE REAL FRIENDS?

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1) I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHEN, BUT YOU BETTER BELIEVE THAT'S JUST ONE OF THE MANY QUESTIONS I WANT ANSWERS TO. ONE DAY, I WILL GET THEM. 2) LARA-LE IS MY MOM. 3) THAT WAS REMINGTON WITH SOME MEMBERS OF THE ECHIDNA SECURITY TEAM. THEY WANTED TO MAKE SURE WE WEREN'T HOSTILE VISITORS. 4) IF YOU READ SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #56, THEN YOU GOT TO SEE ME AS HYPER KNUCKLES ALONG WITH SUPER SONIC AND TURBO TAILS. 5) AS OF SONIC #53, SONIC AND I HAVE A NEW UNDERSTANDING WITH EACH OTHER. YEAH, I'D SAY WE'RE FRIENDS.

**SO UNTIL
NEXT MONTH,
STAY COOL!**



SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG #57
ON SALE
LATE JANUARY 1998



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INTO DREAMS #3 OF 3
ON SALE FEBRUARY 1998



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